

THE WISE
VIRGIN:

OR,

A wonderfull Narration of
the various dispensations of God towards
a Childe of eleven years of age; wherein as his se-
verity hath appeared in afflicting, so also his goodness
both in enabling her (when stricken dumb, deaf, and
blind, through the prevalency of her disease) at sever-
al times to utter many glorious Truths concerning
Christ, Faith, and other subjects; and also in Re-
covering her without the use of any external
means, lest the glory should be given
to any other.

To the wonderment of many that came
far and neer to see and hear her.

With some Observations in the fourth year since
her Recovery.

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man, in Loughton in York-shire; her name is
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*The Works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that
have pleasure therein, Plal. 111. 2.*

*All thy Works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy Saints shall
bless thee, Plal. 145. 10.*

Natura in minimis maximè mirabilis.

The third Edition enlarged, with some passages of her
gracious conversation now in the time of health.

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To all those who love our Lord
Jesus Christ in sincerity, and especially
my much endeared Friends the Parents of
this Child of Wonders: Grace and Peace bee
multiplied, through the Knowledge of God,
and of Jesus our Lord.

THE Gospell of Jesus Christ our
Lord (in the whole dispensation
thereof) seems to be nothing else
but a Composition of Wonders,
every thing therein being mat-
ter both of wonderment and document: And
as in other respects, so particularly in the
manner of the propagation thereof, and in
the way whereby our wise good God hath
brought it home, and settled the precious
Truths thereof upon the hearts of his chosen
Ones: Though God useth a generall Unifor-
mity, yet is there also a particular variety of
Dispensations; God sometimes stepping out of
the ordinary course of instituted means, to
meet with the darknesse, unbelief, and other
weaknesses of poor souls, especially in these
last Ages of the World, wherein there are
some instances of Providence, whereby God
seems to speak to us, that he is intending to

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do some new and strange thing in the earth.
 And if you look narrowly what the
 means are which God hath chosen out, you
 shall plainly discover that of the Apostle
 be verified all along, that they are the foolish
 the weak, the base, and the despised things of the
 world. He hath not chosen armes, or arms
 of the Mighty Ones, nor the mouth of the
 Sword, but the Sword of the mouth; for
 out of the mouths of Babes and Sucklings he hath
 ordained strength, whereby he effecteth won-
 derful things for the advancement of his king-
 dom here in the World. That which comes out
 of the mouths of these Babes shall accomplish
 his Royal Will.

Thus it was with the Head and Captain
 Generall of this Infantry, the Lord Jesus; he
 was at first a Babe and a Suckling; and the A-
 postles were such in their Originall, and such
 are all those who are their Successours.
 But the Scripture seems to receive a further
 complection, even in the Letter of it. In the
 instance and examples of which I shall now
 make Relation. Out of her mouth the Lord
 hath ordained such things should be uttered
 may (I hope through his blessing) prove in-
 strumentall for the promoting of some part
 at least of that glorious Gospel Design
 Love towards lapsed Creatures, which you
 will finde recorded in the subsequent Books.

Cor. 1.
7, 28.

Gal. 8.2.

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tion, and that both in the time of her ex-
weaknesse, as also since her Restauration and
Recovery : and because God hath raised up
One, so extraordinary to declare so much of
his Will unto us ; surely God expects that
we should more than ordinarily improve these
his Dispensations, and the rather, because such
Mirabilia Dei are usually presages of great
mutations in the Countries where they are
acted ; and if men answer not God in such
Providences, he usually gives them up to
spirituall evils, and after that to temporall de-
solations. May not *Germany*, *Scotland*, *Ire-*
land, acknowledge this with tears in their
eyes ? that they have not waikt worthy of the
glorious apparances of God amongst them ;
and may not *England* subscribe the same con-
fession in letters, written (as *Draco's* *Laws*
were) with their own Bloud ? Hath not God
shewed signs and wonders in all these Nations ?
And are not spirituall judgements as gray
hairs, visibly here and there upon us ? and is it
not observable, that the *Jews* before their be-
ing given up to utter Desolation, enjoyed the
highest Dispensations that ever ? When a
people are lifted up to Heaven (as *Capernaum*
was) with Gospel-privileges & yet have much
of hell in their practices, the next news we hear
of them will be, that they are brought down
to hell by Gods Judiciall Providences.

Hosea 7.9

The extraordinary works of Gods mercies
being abused make way for extraordinary
Judgements.

But I wish and hope that others, (but espe-
cially you my dear friends and relations, who
have been eye and ear-witnesses of these rare
actings of providence, and whose hearts have
been so much affected therewith) will wisely
consider the Lords doings, and lay them upon
your hearts, untill you hearts be warmed there-
with, and your lives conform'd accordingly.

This Childe being acquainted with some
intentions of some of her Friends to print her
Speeches, answered, I wish they may aim at
a right end; a most reasonable *Item*, and if we
do not endeavour to have them first printed in
our hearts, and to publish them in our lives,
we shall give but a poor account of the publi-
cation of them to the World.

If the World must know (as we do judge
it fit, that such a light should not be set un-
der a bushell) what God hath done for us;
beseech you, let's carry it so as the World
may know (to our joy and not grief) what
we do for God.

Oh let's take heed to our spirits, that we do
not with these sweet flowers of mercies, as
children with their Nosegayes, smell at them
and delight in them for a short time, and then
cast them away. God hath done wonderfull

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things for us; O that it might appear, he hath
 wrought wonderfull things in us! His won-
 derfull works do declare his Name neer to us;
 our works declare that his Name, his Scrip-
 ture, Word, Worship, and all his Institutions
 and Commands are dear to us. If God walk ^{Deut. 23.}
 in the midst of us, then we should be exactly ^{12, 13, 14.}
 full, that no unclean thing be found in us.
 did much aggravate *Solomons* defections ^{1 Kings 11}
 in the Lord, that they were acted after God ^{12.}
 appeared to him twice; God hath not ap-
 peared once or twice, but many times, and in
 many manners, and particularly in this Pro-
 vidence; (much of God appearing in her every
 word she spake) how great will our sin be, if ^{Ezra 9. 13,}
 God had given us such a Deliverance, ^{14.}
 so many mercies in the womb of this, we
 should again break his Commands, grow loose
 from the hand of God, and forsake his Ordi-
 nances and Wayes, (as many do?) ^{1 Kings 11}
 Gods Works in this instance declare his
 name to be neer, and that exclusively, by way
 of exclusion of all other names; and *David*
 meant so much in that phrase that his
 name and the names of all his Gallant and
 famous Commanders were to bee excluded,
 that Gods Name might not be obscured; God
 did all in this businesse, and therefore it fit
 that he alone should be exalted. Oh let's give
 all in that little, all we have; let's strive to exalt
 him;

him, he may be higher in our hearts, (th
not in himself) and the rather, because
providences have fruitfully administred v
ties of advantages for the raising up of our
rits in the exaltation of Gods glorious N

May not the parents of this Child say
wonderment, God raised up one out of D

house, 2 Sam. 12. 11. who attempted to deprive
of his earthly kingdom; but God hath raised

out of our Family, who may be instrum
to further our enjoyment of an heavenly k
dome? They (I know) desire that others w
help them in endeavouring to render acc
ing to the mercies received, and how sh

they or others improve such dispensations
by labouring to act faith at a higher rate
we have done? Faith hath two legs, where

come to Christ, and it is called a committ
Christ, John 6. 3. 5. submission and closin
such mixt providences as) these (where

checkers his dispensations, working Chie
work,) there will be much use of a submi
frame of heart, to submit our selves, child

and all, to the Will of the Father of our
its, Heb. 12. 9. and we should improve

Providence (in raising up this Child) by
for the raising up of the Church from

all her Convulsions and prevailing Dis
many other wayes wee should improve

Works of God, but I have already exceed
the bounds of an Epistle.

shall onely urge you and my self to suck
 sweet brest of the promise, *Psalm 50. 15.*
 have prayed, God hath delivered, and
 he expects to be glorified, and he promi-
 you shall glorifie me: Can then our unbeli-
 our dead, sluggish, fickle, unconstant, and
 getfull heart hinder it? if God say, thou
 who hath resisted his Will? Or then lie at
 Pool of this promise, until your unbelieve-
 unthankfull hearts be healed. Lie at this
 utiful gate, until you receive an almes, and
 word Come, that shall raise up your Spirits,
 you may walk and leap, and praise the
 ed. Let mee entreat you to review this
oldes Speeches, but especially to eye God in
 his providential actions towards her, untill
 ur hearts bee raised to exalt the glorious
 and in all those Attributes, which shine
 th in this Scene of his Actions; Eye them
 the strengthening of your faith, to trust
 od in all your straits, to submit to God
 en he is pleased to presse you down with
 left hand of Afflictions, whilst he writes
 irer Copy of his Law in your hearts, with
 right hand of his Holy Spirits powerful
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 lest it use (nay ride) you (as others) with *1 Cor. 7. 31*
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 learn

The Epistle Dedicatory.

Ezek. 29.

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Isa. 32. 4.

Isa. 35. 3.

learn to sanctifie God in your hearts, who
discafe and cures at his command; who
the opening of the mouth, and causes
tongue of the dumb to sing, and the tongue
the stammerers to speak plainly, and con
the feeble knees (all which and more be
done for this Child:) eye them also,
your hearts may be brought in love with,
confirmed in your love to the precious
yet, O sad, despised) Ordinances and In
stitutions of Jesus Christ, the King of his Church
(which God hath opened a Childes mouth
plead for;) And if you may gather such
fruits as these from off the Branches of
providential actings of our wise God, I shall
under the tree rejoycing, that God hath made
me instrumentall to call you forth to forsake
an employment, and subjoyn my self,

Sheffield; *Through Grace*

January 20, 1652.

James Filler

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To the godly conscientious Reader.

It is thy privilege for soul-advantage that thou livest amongst Sermons ; and it is a special mercy in the *Saints Count-Book* that when so many bid preaching depart, and finances depart, and Duties depart, yet still the Lord is not wanting to appear (in some or other) owning his appointments. Yea, thou mayest observe Jesus Christ to be so desirous of thy Company, that he leaves no means attempted to win thy soul to God, for the love of Jesus Christ seems to flow & break for the banks of ordinary means, that so it may compass thy heart, and fetch thee wholly into the Father. Now surely, Christian, thou wilt confess, that it's a barren soul indeed, whom the outflowings of Christs Love will not make fruitful. Beleeve it, Gods unwonted layings out of love are not answered with stinted and stinted layings out of obedience. Great cost and little incomes is unprofitable trading. When the Lord helps us to receipts, wee had need beg hard that he would help us with returns ; for questionlesse God expects those should bee *Commemoration-dayes* whereon his saints have their *exceedings of Love* : 'tis certain, Christians, when Jesus Christ steps out
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of his *high-road*, he has some speciall
ness with *Sinners*. Now, thou to whom
Book shall come, the Lord (thou seest)
stepped aside to speak with thee, take
how thou refushest to heare the voice
speaks from Heaven. Christ sees that *W*
preaching will not serve, and therefore
sends thee both *Word* and *work-preaching*,
all that he may make thee *Eternally blessed*,
do thou not still goe about to frustrate Ch
endeavours, in his Work of winning thy
soul; it may be thou hast long stopped
Ears to his *VVords*, but what wilt thou
thine Eyes to his *VVorks* too? Oh look to
young Divine, to this *Child-Preacher*, or
ther to the Lord in this *Child-Preacher*;
if thou canst not spell *Christs meaning* by
VVords, yet put together *VVords* and *VV*
and thou shalt soon see what they make
thou canst not know Christ by his ordinary
pearings, yet, O learn to know him by his
tracordinary; for truly it is a brutish thing
bury Christ in his own Works.

Look, Christian! Here thou mayest see
Bush burning, and yet not consumed, yea a
burning, and yet *blossoming*. Naturall life
served, when naturall means of preservation
were denied; but indeed a few leaves will
fivethousand, when Christ has the cooperatio
of them. God can make a little of the crea

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For, when he makes it up with a great deal
Christ; for we see, though her *common*s were
better than *Daniels*, yet we find her very *mel-*
ting: think therefore at what *Ordinary*, or ra-
ce *Extraordinary* hath she dictated; surely she
W *food*, we knew not of. Well might she *live*
ore *sed so plenteously on life it self*; and certainly
ng, *her life* of hers was a happy life, which dwelt
sed *near the life of happiness*. We did not know
Ch *by the life of Nature* should be continued,
ny *cept it were that the life of grace* might bee
ed *olonged*; but this we found, that the conti-
ou *nance of her life* was a continued *Sermon*, and
t *o preach forth the wonderfull power & love*
or *of Jesus Christ*; as if she had learnt a new and
r; *oly art of living poor souls to God*; or as if *Faith*
g *by ere to come by seeing*. Gracious *Child*! who
V *her age* might be a *learner*, & yet is made so
ake *arned a Teacher*, who so sweetly takes *Christ*
ary *her text-truth*, for her *Doctrine*, & *Holiness*
his *her Use*. Surely it was he who at 12 years
th *was found in the Temple*, sitting amongst the *Doct-*
ors, *bearing of them, and asking of them*
ft *questions*; it was he (I say) who hath ranked
a *at 12 years old Child* amongst the *Doctors* of
life *in Israel*. 'Twas he that made her *Sermons*,
er *one only* did but preach them, for her speech
will *swayed she had been with Jesus*. Oh what
co *gracious words* she uttered! nothing but honey
re *empt from her mouth*, and that such honey
as

Luke 2. 46

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as tasted much of the spirituall *Cannan*, indeed, Christian, none can speak so heavenly, none so healingly, none so sweetly, none feelingly, as those that have much of speaking in them; the Sentences she uttered in this Book, recorded; and now canst read, and not wonder; wonder, and not to read? And yet the manner of her speech added *Emphasis* to the things she spake. Her eyes were fixed, as if she saw Christ; her countenance chearful, as if she embraced Christ; her lips smiling, as if she kissed Christ; yea, her arms sometimes sweetly clasping, as if with strength she had gotten an arm-full of Christ.

What think you meant her soul, when her body used such an action? Oh what preciousness for a poor soul to lose it self in the All-fulnesse of Christ! truly, these things made us all cry out, *What manner of* Luke 1.66 *shall this be?* But O, see the wonderfull workings of our God. He has let her come down into this lower room again. God seemed to take her out of the crowd into his Chamber up above, where hee sweetly whispered his minde unto her; and now hee hath sent her back again, that shee may live over her Sermons. And yet so was God taken in her company, that he would not let her go down again, till his Children had perished again and again for her. And then the

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to endear his mercy to us, he sends her down
in the Armes of Prayer. So that now wee
see this truth in our own experiences: *That*
Christian reacheth highest when hee is on his
knees. I might speak much more of her, but
had rather commend Grace than gracious
persons. Oh let this (I beseech thee) with the
other soul-helpers Christ affordeth thee, pre-
vail with thee to bee good in good earnest:
It's not leaves or bloomes that Christ looks
for now, but fruit. I confesse indeed, the *Win-*
ter of Religion seems to be past, wherein both
bloomes and fruit, *Profession* and *Practise* was
withered and suppressed: and now is the *Spring*
wherein most men are fair in bloom, which
gives me hopes that the Lord is bringing a-
bout a time, when holy lips, and holy lives,
heavenly Communication, & heavenly Con-
versation shall meet together; so that flou-
rishing *Professours* will prove fruitfull *Practi-*
cers. Oh! be not thou one, who shalt keep
off such hoped-for times as these: think how
thou wilt answer all Gods costs about thee.
And if thou be he that must bee called in to
give an account for every word thou speakest;
O then what account wilt thou give for every
word that God speaks to thee? Thou that
hast some heavenly Doctrine, O take heed
of earthly use; heart-warming exhortations
and heart-cooling conversations are fearfull

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and incongruous things. I confesse, if I be
not in some measure know the unreachablenesse
of a corrupt heart, I should conclude
that *Non-profiting by such wonders as these*, is
greatest wonder of all. Well, Christian ! thou
hast a providence here thrown into thy lap,
improve it, and be not befooled with flesh
wisdom, but O minde thy work, drive on
Souls Trade; and if thou hast an interest
in God, know thus much, that this Child
has an interest in thee; when therefore thou
wilt to improve thy interest at the Throne, for
not her, nor him, who is

Finningley, Jan.

25, 1652.

*Joyful in this, and all
thy Soul-helps,*

John Firth:

To the Reader,

Grace here, and Glory hereafter.

He voice of Providence (Christian friend, for such I suppose thee, and unprejudiced I wish thee) is never to be neglected, especially when it is understood according to the Analogie of faith. Indeed, providentiall administrations are not to be forced. As it seems to me over-bold, if not an impious act, to judge alwayes according to the outward face of dispensations, to make providences point out what we affect (as [a] he judged of the Scriptures) even to speak our prejudiced and partial thoughts: so it is over-Atheist-like to let the righteous God be every day in the City, [b] and yet none to read any thing. [c] The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. [d] Whoso is wise will observe these things, and hee shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord.

There are a sort of men in these last and worst of dayes, that will believe nothing but what themselves behold, & sleight al[c] (Thomas-like) that themselves have not a finger in. To get these a-

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Decret. 1.
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dent. Self. 4
bZeph. 3.
c Ps. 111. 2
d Psa. 109

43.
c John 20

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bove life [f] of sense is not in my capacity though it may be in my aim. I do acknowledge my obscure testimony farre below such achievements. The Sword of the Lord and Gideon undertake them. Yet, why may not a broken Pitcher give some light, and that sudden light disperse the Amalekites? though I can finde nothing in my self (my witnesse is in Heaven) why I should be in publick; for bene vixit, qui bene latuit; yet I dare not resist that voice that calls me to bear witnesse to Gods workings, who hath so signally owned his now despised Ministry, and sleighted Ordinances, speaking withall peace to a tossed and afflicted Family; That never misse Spirit (that shall peruse the ensuing Wonders) may more any despise; or drooping poor Soule (that shall hear how God remembred such an one in her low [g] estate, and heard the Prayers of such nothing-creatures) may any more despair.

The subject of this ensuing Wonder, is Mistress Martha Hatfield, a Branch of a Family of good Note in the West of York-shire, as to externalls, having wherein they might glory. But (which is their glory) their great Privilege is not here, nor in this World; that they are bene nati, is but an empty bubble, in respect of being bene renati; this is their glory [h] their privilege, that they are Sonnes and Daughters of God. This Family (as God useth to

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Pla. 57. 10.

Pla. 136.

John 1.

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James 1.

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deal with [i] them he loveth) the wise God
 was pleased to keep in a low and dark conditi-
 on; without were fightings, within were fears
 [k]; but God, who comforteth such as are cast
 down, comforted them in this Infant-peacher,
 much of whose discourse was an earnest pressing
 unto faith. When her sorrowing Parents, and
 astonished Friends were (as it were) at their
 wits end, in relation to her sad condition, even
 then she wished them frequently to roll upon God,
 who would bring them to their desired [l] 1 Psal. 107
 haven, to their expected end. Oh let us la- 30.
 bour for faith (said she) [m] for He that is m In exta-
 faithfull unto death, shall receive a Crown sic, of No-
 of Life. And in relation to their affliction (she vemb. 9.
 said) [n] Satan is alwayes malicing and per Revel. 2.
 plexing the Children of God, to make their f In the
 journey uncomfortable, thinking that if he get same exta-
 not victory then, he shall never get victory; but sic, 7. 19
 my Christ hath vanquished Satan. This hand-
 maid of the Lord, (Reader) to give thee a taste
 of her, was piously principled from her Cradle,
 the Spirit blossoming in her in the very Spring
 of her age. Even while she spelled words and
 syllables, she spelled out Christ; for if she met with
 a free promise, or some good sentence, holding
 out Gods love to man, she would say, Mother, this
 is a sweet place, and usually read it over again.
 Yet, though she thus grew in the inward, [g] her
 outward

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h Luke 2.
42, 46.

ward man was weakened and decayed, till the
twelfth year of her age, the year of those wonder-
full transactions betwixt God and her Spirit,
if that year Christ would gain honour now in the
Member of his, (to confute such as would be-
thought some-body in these dayes) as once in his
own person he silenced those Doctors of the Jew-
ish Synagogue [h]. In the eleventh year, viz
April 1652. her bodily Disease increased; &
did her love to Heavenly things also; for even
those toys which that age delights in, she desired
not so much as to hear named by her Sisters; set-
ting her thoughts upon, and inuring her tongue
to speak of those things above, where shortly
expected to arrive. At last, the Disease over-
mastered her strength, seized upon the Organs
of her senses, so that she could neither speak,
nor hear, (to the apprehension of any about her)
she could not move but as she was born by others,
and much of this time her teeth were so closed,
she was not capable of receiving food, only so
liquid matter they dropped in at a broken roo-
and this very little, she putting it out so fast
was given her; thus lay she divers months, viz
unill December, an Object of sorrow to her Pa-
rents, and of astonishment to all others, capa-
bly of their pity, not of their help; but a testi-
mony of the mighty power of God, proving by
Argument, that [i] Man liveth not by bread
alone; it is not the arm of flesh that is to be

h Luke 44.

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aided in; [k] but he that knoweth our infirmities, k Jer. 17. 5
is only able both to help and heal them. During
this continued Paroxysm, she had very frequent-
ly (sometimes every day) certain grand extasies,
whereby (after that her body had been racked on
the Wheel of Convulsion) it became as stiff and
expanse as that body which is seized on by death
and coldnesse. In which extasies God did to aston-
ishment appear. For now flowed those streams
of living waters, those precious divine sentences
contained in the ensuing pages: which thou ta-
sing, with the Organs of the same Spirit they
were delivered, thou canst but admire.

Look on the person, a Childe going on twelve
years, and canst but confesse, that out of the
mouth of a Babe and Suckling God hath per-
fected praise [g]. Look at the condition wherein g Psal. 8. 2
he uttered these, in a deep trance; and dost not
see it fulfilled, that the tongue of the dumbe
shall sing [a]? Look at the things she spake, are a Jer. 33.
they not deep things of God [b]? is there Ho- 5. 6.
nour or Errour intermingled? Couldst thou di- b 1 Cor. 2.
scern the manner of her expressions, the vivacity of 10.
spirit, how the words drop'd from a touched, expe-
rienced, self-concerned heart; thou wouldst say,
as the Queen of Sheba [c] said of Solomon, c 1 Kings
The half was not told thee. Look at the 10. 7.
incomprehensiblenesse of the things spoken, and thou wilt
confesse, they came not by the will of man, but
this holy one of God, spake as she was moved
B 4. [d]

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[d] (born, supported, and carried out) the Holy Spirit. Concerning this last circumstance, when some rashly affirmed, that she acted by Satan, they judging according to carnal reason; at the next extasie (which was the time of her speaking) she uttered thus, I am not in the hands of Satan, but in the hands of my God: when some pretenders to Revelation (as these times are full of such) visited her, that very time, she was carried out to say, [e] Take heed you sow not tares, for if you sow tares, you shall reap tares: and afterwards fully witnessed against them thus; Take heed you despise not Gods Ordinances, nor his Instruments that hee hath sent to preach his Word; God will let you go on with your delusions for a time, but there will come a day of Judgement to try whether you be right or false; And [f] again, Lord, restrain those that go about to interrupt those Instruments which thou hast sent to preach out thy Word in the Congregations; it is requisite that off-neces should come, but woe unto thee by whom they come. Novemb 9. [g] being proposed for a day of seeking God by Fasting and Prayer, the night before she encouraged those that were about her [h] with that of the Psalmist, Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorifie me. And the night after the work was done, she rejoynt them [a] thus: O let us call to mind what

2 Pet. 1. ult.

e Job 4.8.

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f In extasie, Octo. 9.

g In extasie, Nov. 4.

Luke 17. 1

h In extasie, Nov. 8.

Ps. 50. 15.

a In extasie, Nov. 9.

To the Reader.

The Lord hath done for us, [b] and not be like b Jam. 1. 24
 a naturall man that looketh his face in a
 glass, and presently forgetteth what manner
 a man he was.

Thus God by this his hand-maid opposed pro-
 viders, cautioned misled creatures, and
 were witnesse to the excellency and necessity of the
 now sleighted Ordinances and Adinistry.

Reader, here thou mayest a while behold (as it
 [c] were) a conflict in her godly parents betwixt joy
 and grief; their tears issued not all from the same
 fountain, the one ey was swoln with drops of glad-
 ness, the other of sorrow: while they beheld the deep
 trials of God upon them, their lips quivered, [c] c Hab. 3. 16

rottenness entered into their bones, they trem-
 bled in themselves: but when again they beheld
 [d] God laid their tossed and afflicted, with d Isa. 34. 11

fair colours checkered his work, paved his steps
 with black and white marble; then again they are
 comforted. [e] As that Popish Bishop, when not a-

ble to determine, whether Solomon were a child of
 wrath or love, caused his Effigies to be drawn, half
 in heaven, half in hell: so they judge their affairs
 to resemble that cloud, which ushered the Israelites
 into the Land of Promise; it had a dark side as well
 as a bright [f]. Thus God holds them till the
 time came that he would command deliverance
 for them; [g] then he put them on a way to at-
 tend this end, not by might, nor by power;
 [h] not wisdom of men, nor outward means of
 physick, but that Grace might bee advanced;

e Petrus
 Temorius
 Archbi-
 shop of To-
 ledo.

f Exod. 14.
 20.

g Pla. 44. 4.

h Zach. 4. 6

To the Reader.

1 Zach. 12.
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to send for the Elders of the Church, and let them pray over the afflicted, which was done [i] in spirit of grace and supplication: and after twice wrestling with God in Fasting and Prayer he was pleased to be intreated. And as glorious and admirable was Gods hand in raising her up, in casting her down; for in the close of the second dayes work, that God might manifest himself

k Psa. 65. 1.

be a God hearing Prayer [k], and that creatures in their lowest condition might neuer despair, he shewed some glimmerings of his gracious favour, and within a few dayes gave to her understanding, senses, speech, the use of her legs, and since a daily income of health and strength, and which is better than life, suffered not the high workings of his Spirit to be an occasion of puffing her up, but kept her in a gracious, humble, depending frame of spirit; for being inform'd what she had said, she replyed thus in her childish

h Decem.
8. the first
time she
spoke out
of an ex-
tatic.

speech, [b] Have I? me cannot tell, I can do nothing of my self, it was not me, it was the Spirit of God in me; I am nothing but a poor earth-worm, and me have nothing but what my God giveth me; for me is nothing but dust and ashes. Again, some two or three dayes before God gave her the use of her legs, her Father desiring to neglect no lawfull means, wished our Lord to signifie his pleasure to her, that he had thought of procuring a Physicians advice concerning her, whereunto she sweetly answered, she would be dis-

To the Reader.

ed by her Parents will, but her desire was to
all Gods end, she could wish no Physician might
take of any glory with God, for he alone had
the cure, he alone deserved the praise. Thus
Reader) hast thou a true Narrative of that
which seems marvellous in our eyes; the Lord
remove from thy heart all self and prejudice, make
thee willing to give God the glory of his own wor-
ings; slubber not over this passage of divine Pro-
vidence with carelesse or prophane thoughts; eye
God, learn to live by faith, and despise not Ordi-
nances, which God hath from heaven in this occa-
sion born witness to. I have purposely avoided
all frothy flourishes of the tongue, lest the truth
should be suspected; for I would win thy heart, not
thy senses; not words, but things take wise men;
whose number, if thou wouldst be thought one,
judge soberly, and the end is obtained

Church-Sandal,

Jan. 28. 1652.

By the unworthiest,
yet a faithful well-
wisher to thy pre-
cious Soul,

W^a. Barnard.

The Narrative, wherein

related how this Child was visited,

and the manner of her Distress, when

the natural Issue of her Womb

was brought forth

into the World

His Child who hath been the

subject of such Wonders of Providence

in the Kingdom of Nature

and the Kingdom of Grace

is now brought forth

into the World

in the year of our Lord

1642

the Child being

born on the

27th day of

December

at

London

in the

Parish of

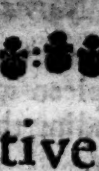
St. Martin

in the

City of

London

The Narrative, wherein
is related how this Child was visited,
and the manner of her Disease, when
she uttered those Heaven-born
truths herewith published:

 His Child who hath been the sub-
ject of such Wonders of Provi-
dence, is the Daughter of Master
Anthony and Mistris Faith Hat-
feild of Leighton, in the West-
riding of York-shire; her name is Martha
Hatfeild, she was compleat twelve years old
the 27 day of Septem. in the year of our Lord
1632. She hath been from her birth a Child
of Wonders, being so little when shee was
brought out of her Mothers Wombe, that it
was thought she would speedily have return'd
to the common wombe, where all living must
long be laid up. But God who quickeneth
the dead, who is the preserver of man, conti-
nued her life, and she grew up very hopefully,
a Plant of Gods own planting; yet some
time before this visitation, she was observed
to be of a sad spirit, oft retiring into corners,
and weeping for a long time, and could not
render any reason thereof; but it evident-
ly

ly appeared afterward, that she was much afflicted with the Spleen-winde, which increased (notwithstanding the use of many) greater extremity.

But before I proceed, I must desire the Reader not to expect an exact Relation of her Disease in Physicall terms of Art, because I pleased the all-wise Disposer of all occurrences, so to order the spirit of the childe, and her own dealings towards her, (as you may see anon) that no means could be used towards her Recovery, and so no Physicians did consult with her to observe the symptoms of her Disease; so that it's but conjecturall what it was; it's thought the rigid convulsions, or rather that it was a complicated disease of some of those distempers which afflict the brain, but I shall give it you in our Countrey dialect, as those that were usually with her apprehend it. I shall observe this Method.

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κρίνεται.

1. I shall speak of her Disease.
2. Relate her Speeches.
3. The manner of her Recovery.

1. Her Disease.

The Spleen-winde (after some time) grew to that extremity, that she could not digest her meat, but vomited up all that she took, which yet was but a small quantity, for long time; after which she was taken all on one side, beginning at her neck, which caused

to hold her head awry; and from thence it went into her arm, and took away the use of it for many dayes, and when her arm was better, it fell into her leg on the same side, and continued there untill she fell quite down, which was after this manner. She had extraordinary fits of violent vomiting, and after that Convulsions, which occasioned extream torments, especially in the night, and so she continued (sometimes better, sometimes worse) for many dayes, sorely troubled with a sore stopping in her throat, which caused her to gasp, and her eyes were set in her head, so that they feared a suffocation, and then fell into vomiting, and then into Convulsions, with extream workings in her head, and all over, which they thought for the present made her insensible; and when she came out of those fits, her eyes were fixed seriously, hearkening and listening, and would say, What sweet Musick is this that I hear? do you not hear it? O heark, heark, do you not hear? she was answered, No, What Musick is it like? O the sweetest Musick that ever I heard, I never heard such before; I do not know, nor can I express what it is like, unless it be like Angels singing in Heaven; thus she did divers times betwixt the Convulsion fits; in which time she had the use of her understanding, and could speak, and with many sweet words was able to exhort her

Her Disease.

her Parents to trust in God, saying, If we had but faith, it would carry us thorough all the troubles of this World.

April 6.
1652.

Then about *April* the sixth, 1652. we perceived such a change in her, that wee thought she would dye presently, and she fell into a sort of extream pain in her side, which took away her breath, and her senses for sixteen hours, and she was stricken all over stiff, in which time she lay (as if dead) hopeles of life in the judgments of those who beheld her. Yet about the third hour she was enabled with great alacrity to expresse the joys of Heaven, and sweetly prayed for her self, and all her relations, she conceived their necessities required.

Her prayer

First, for her Father thy Servant, the head of this Family, Lord, give him faith in Jesus Christ, to lay hold upon thee, and give him patience to be content with thy Will; and for our Mother who hath been so long weak, Lord, restore her, and make her a Comfort to us all, and teach her to submit to thy Will; and for my Grand-mother that old stock, that old stock, that thou hast made such a Comfort to us, good Lord, we thank thee for her, and while she live, I desire to be thankful for her. And for our Brother who is to be disposed of, good Lord, direct the heart of thy Servant our Father, to dispose of him as may be most for thy glory, and for the good of his soul and body.

God

Good Lord, bless our Sister who hath taken
 great pains with my Mother and me; and
 our other little Brother, Lord, make him
 strong, and guide him in all his wayes in his
 young years, that his soul may be precious in
 thy sight; and my other Sister, the Lord give
 her grace. And that other little Sister, good
 Lord, take away that infirmity from her eye,
 if it be thy will; and for that Sister whom thou
 hast disposed of in marriage, the Lord bless that
 Family, and give them more and more of thy
 Spirit to guide them in thy wayes; and Lord,
 give him a Spirit of prayer; but let us not make
 haste, for thy time is the best. And for that
 little branch, Lord, as it grows in dayes and
 years, grant that it may grow in grace, and
 walk in thy way. And that godly sweet
 Servant of thine * (that prayed so heartily for her Uncle
 me the last night) the Lord bless him; and Lord, Captain
 bless thy Servant who is gone to use means for *Harfield.*
 her health, and bless the means, for without
 thy blessing nothing can profit; and Lord, if it
 be for thy glory, bring them together, and if
 not, make them contented to yield to thy will.
 Good Lord, bless all our Family, and make
 them thine, and teach all our Friends to walk
 in thy wayes.

When she began this Prayer, all about her
 were so amazed with the suddenness of it, that
 they could not (for the joy and astonishment

Note.

wherewith their spirits were filled) observed each passage so exactly as is desired they had done, so that many of her expressions are lost, but these things set down, are (as neer as they that were present could recal to their thoughts) related and written down in her own very words.

After this Prayer, her Head fell, and she was as in a Trance, and as she past into it, she said, The Lord be with you all, I am now going to Heaven, where I hope one day you will come to me. And when shee was come forth of that Trance, in which they thought shee would have dyed, shee was exceedingly rapt up with joy (which perhaps was the Heaven she spake of, that she was going to) laughing, and spreading her arms, and clasping them close to her, that they could not bee opened, but presently she opened them, and exprest herself in these words.

I have found my Christ, O I have found my Christ, how sweet is he to me!

Conflict. After this fit of joy, she fell into a sore conflict with Satan, and opening her arms which were clasped with hugging her sweet Christ unto her, shee struck so vehemently as if shee had more than ordinary strength, and exprest her self in these words.

Away, away, away, Satan, with a stern countenance (which was a great change in her face) which

which was so amiable before in her rejoycing
 and so she continued for some time, and
 then the Lord was pleased to give her com-
 fort again.

And then she laughed, and rejoyced much *Comfort.*
 more than before, and spread her armes, and
 clasped them close again, and said, *Oh my*
Christ is come again, my Christ is come again, he
shall vanquish Satan, and cast him behinde me.

Then she fell again into another Conflict, *Conflict.*
 with striking as before, but never spake in a
 Conflict; but the conflict being over, she spake,
 and laughd, and behaved her self in the like
 manner as before.

O, now my sweet Christ is come again, he is come
again, and hath destroyed my spirituall enemy, *Comfort.*
who would have destroyed my soul. O labour for
Christ, and that the Name of Christ may be wri-
ten upon all your hearts with letters of gold.

Thus one time with comforts, and at other
 times with conflicts, she continued the great-
 est part of one night, which they that were
 present thought, was about the severall times
 that night, but they were all so astonished
 both with the matter and manner, that they
 could not certainly relate how many of these
 conflicts, and comfortable fits she had; neither
 indeed (as they acknowledged) are they able
 to relate the manner thereof, as it was made
 known unto them.

Unill

April 23.

After this, about seventeen days, she lay and never spake all that time, neither was ever seen to shut her eyes night or day, stood fixed broad open, and many who came to see her, would say, that her eyes were fixed where her heart was. At that time she did vehemently gnash her teeth, so that two or three of her teeth were broken out. When she was in her stiff fits, she lay like a dead corps; and pleased the Lord so to order her disease, that she came to her self twice a day, viz, at two a clock at noon-day, and six at night, and at these times shee did understand her self, but could not speak, and to these times shee kept constant for about seventeen dayes, and then she would make signs to wash her mouth with small beer or water, they not knowing what she would have, but she could manifest dislike of what was offered, if it was not that which she desired. She took no food all this time, but only washed her mouth (as was said) twice a day.

April 23.

About this time coming to her self, shee fell into great extremity of vomiting for 2 dayes, and that which she vomited was like gall, and foot, and bloud, & by times continued in this extremity for seven or eight dayes, and was carried about in the arms of one or other, sat on their knees, having little rest, save for short Dorms. She from the 23 of April, never came in bed till it pleased God to recover her.

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... indeed they made tryal sometimes, hoping the
... arm bed, would have nourished and refresh-
... her wearied, wracked, and tortured body,
... she as one altogether insensible of the cold-
... of the weather, or of her own need of such
... cures, yet could not lie down by reason of
... rising in her throat; in this time she spake
... much, and uttered many sweet expressions.

Many times being desired to take some food,
... answered, I would take food, if God
... could give me leave, but I cannot, I cannot;
... and when they would doe any thing about her
... it might be) to give her some ease, she wold
... Alas, here's no ease here, O that you will
... suffer a poor creature to have some ease!
... here's no comfort to be had here, but there's
... ease in Heaven.

At another time, she said, O Lord, some ease
... a poor distressed creature; Lord, for thy Son
... Christ his sake.

Again, where's my Father and my Mother,
... that they may pray for me? I had a Father and
... Mother, and Brethren, and Sisters.

Again, shee was much troubled, and said,
... what a naughty, naughty Lasse was I, to be
... impatient? but now I have more pain, and
... the Lord hath given me more patience; now
... can say with *David*, *It is good for me that I*
... *have been afflicted*, *Good?* It is good indeed, for
... my Father hath got good, and my Mother

hath got good, and I have got good, and I have got glory. I would not have been without this affliction for any thing; this is a good affliction indeed.

Her Sister *Hannah* speaking to her, *Madam*, these little pretty hands go into the grave, and rot in the dust? I (said she) what should they do else? poor sinfull corrupt flesh.

Her Father asking her, *Childe*, art not hungry; thou hast eaten nothing of a long time. She said, I hunger for nothing but Christ, I am very hungry after him, I would very faine have him.

Then he asked her, if she would drink? She said, I am very thirsty for Christ.

They were speaking to her of a Physician, but she said, *My comfort is in Christ*; I pray you trouble me not with the Physician. But speaking to her Father, she said, Will you not? I beseech you that I may have no other Physician. Jesus Christ will bee my Physician, for my Grave is better for me than to be here.

Again, Lord, reveal unto mee what is the cause of this affliction, what sin it is that I am unrepented of; sins of omission, or commission, or what sins soever they are, Lord, reveal them to me, and pardon them all, and give me repentance for them; with many such words which are not remembered.

Again, O Lord, I beseech thee, look upon me

with pittie and compassion; Lord, do not forget me; but think upon me.

Again, O my sin is the cause of it; O teach me to say as *David*, *It is good for me that I have been afflicted.*

Again, Good Lord, look upon me with pittie and compassion, and enable me to bear thy hand; Lord, mitigate these pains which are upon me; Lord, pardon all my sins, and remove all these afflictions, which are upon my body, if it seem good in thine eyes.

Again, the Lord hath in mercy looked on me in his pittie and compassion; I hope, I shall not be from my Christ long: *Come, Lord Jesus, O come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.*

Then she comforted her self with *Job's* case, that though hee sat on the dunghill scraping his sores with a Pot-sherd, and though God gave Satan power over his body, yet not over his soul; and though his Wife tempted him to curse God, (what a wicked Woman was that? what a wicked woman was that? said shee) yet his soul was precious in Gods sight.

Then musing with her self, she uttered herself thus, by way of question; *Why did God create man? For his glory.*

Quest. Why doth hee afflict his Children? for their good.

Quest. Why should wee desire to dye when we are in afflictions? seeing the grave praiseth

him not, & seeing it is for Gods glory to live

Again, she said, *Come to me, all ye children,* and I will gather you as a hen gathereth her chickens, and you shall sing *Hallelujahs* in Heaven with Christ, and all his holy Angells.

Again, happy are they who appear for Christ, for they shall appear with him in glory.

Again, at another time she said, that no body knew what troubles she had gone thorough (in reading the Word and Prayer) by reason of evil and wicked thoughts, & that she was glad sometimes to leave off reading, and to go to Prayer, and said, I have sought to God many times with tears (which no body knew of) to help mee against unprofitable thoughts, but now shee had got the victory through Christ, and then she laught.

Note.

Before the nineteenth of May, immediately after the performance of Family-duties (her Disease having wrought much in her mouth and eyes, during the time of the Duty) she seemed to them to be dead, her chaps tawn, her eyes set, and the Neighbors were called in, but Parents had taken their leave of her, hoping the life of nature was exchanged for a life of glory; and then a Cloth was spread over her face; but about half an hour after it pleased the Lord to discover a symptome of life, as they perceived the Cloth to stirre, and with much perswasion, they entreated her dear Mo-

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her again to look upon her, who coming to her, then found her eyes broad open, and said, Child! Where hast thou been? then lifting up her eyes towards Heaven, sweetly smiling.

This (I conceive) was the cause of those sad fits of weeping (whereof I made mention before) of which she could not, or at least Satan would not suffer her to give any account.

These and many other sweet expressions fell from her in those seven or eight dayes, which yet are forgotten, none thinking then to have presented this story to publick view, and whether these things be related in the order they were uttered, I do not affirm, but this I may say, they are set down as near as could be in her own words, without any additions, and this many credible Witnesses will testify.

And that you may bee induced the rather to credit this, be pleased to take this character of this Child, that before this extream weakness fell upon her, she was observed to be very frequent in private Prayer; and her Mother being exercised with long weakness, she would read by her out of such good Books as there were in the House; and her Mother observed that she would read with much affection, so that her Mother thought, and said, she hoped that her hart was taken with the things which she did read; the Childe would say (Mother forsooth) is not this a good sentence? (if you please)

Note.

*Ball of Faith;
Burroughs
Treatises,
&c.*

please) I will read it over again : she was noted to bee a very loving, tender-hearted, and affectionate Childe to all ; and especially she manifested it in many pregnant expressions to her Mother in her sicknesse.

May 1.

After this, *May* the first or second, she was freed from that extremity of pain, her Disease much varying, and shee was stricken all over stiff, all her parts being extended, as if stretched forth, and if any one lifted up her arm higher or lower, there it would fix where they set it; and so buckle any joynt of her hand, and it would stand as it was set, and thus she continued for seventeen dayes, and never spake word, neither did she take any thing, but they washt her mouth with beer or water severall times in a day.

Untill

May 19.

It was noted, that when any did speak to her concerning any thing of the world, or of any particulars (which as a Child) she had delighted in, she would then shew discontent; but if they discoursed of Heavenly matters, then she shewed no signe of discontent, but seemed to give attention.

May 19.

1652.

Then her Convulsion fits were grown to greater extremity, the Disease working with strange varieties, causing severall motions and postures, and then at sometimes shee had those stiff fits of congelations, and then shee did utter those sweet sayings, afterwards set down

and when she grew limber, shee gave over speaking.

Here I have briefly noted some things, and then set down her speeches.

1 She spake not but in a stiff fit (or very rarely, and then by a word or two) and shee continued speaking from *May* the 19th. untill *June* the 21. 1652. beginning usually about eight of the clock at night, and so continued with some little intermission between every sentence to speak for two hours or more, and then ceased untill the next night about the same time: She did speak some things in the morning, or some things in the afternoon, but so very feldome, and then she was limber all over, but then there were strange workings of the Convulsions, twisting her fingers, writhing her neck, drawing her mouth to her ear.

2 It was observed, that sometimes in those stiff fits wherein she spake, she would change her Countenance, and look very sadly and frowningly; and it was conceived by those who beheld her, that then she was under some temptation, because the next thing she spake (after such frowning fits) was alwayes something against Satan, that roaring lurking Lion, and then she would smile, & look very cheerfully.

3 The manner of her comming into those stiff fits, was with beatings of her hands upon her

her breast, and she had sore Convulsions, and then of a sudden she had all her parts extended, and then she smiled; and then they knew that she would speak presently; she lay upon her back, and had the most sweet, amiable, cheerfull countenance that ever I beheld (excepting one or two frowning fits in a night) all the time of her speaking. Some who came to see her, compared her countenance, when she came out of her stiff fits, to a cloud overshadowing the Sun-beams, there was such a change in her countenance.

It was further observed, that shee did alwayes sweat when she did speak.

She had also rejoycing fits, clasping her arms, and laughing sometimes, and sometimes shee spake when the Convulsions drew her mouth awry, and when she spake, sometimes her speech was lower, sometimes more audible; alwayes with that vigour, vivacity, and earnestnesse of spirit, that it did much affect the hearts of them who heard her; and sometimes she was so weak that her chaps only moved, but no words could be heard: further, it was observed, that shee did alwayes speak very good sense, and when shee mistook, shee would go over with the matter again, and make it good sense before she left off.

4. Observe, that when her times of speaking came, there was one who wrote her words, all help.

hoping to remember the very words as shee uttered them; in which labour of love, two of Sir Edward Rhodes (that worthy Patriot) his Sons, viz. Mr. Edward and Mr. William Rhodes were very usefull, and they took much delight in that work, being indeed Gentlemen of a very sweet temper and disposition, & very hopefull to be blessings to their Family.

There was also a Scholar, by name Master John Cromwel (one related to Master Haifields Family) who was very much affected with the sweet appearances of God in that Childe, and did help to take some of her speeches, and was also very helpfull to the Ministers, and Christians, in our dayes of seeking God for her; God mightily drawing out his Spirit to wrestle for her enlargement, and there were others who assisted in this work; and after they were written downe (in the space betwene her speakings) they were read over, and every one desired to manifest their assent if they judged the words to be truly related, and there were usually many present, many strangers coming daily to hear her, when her speaking times were known, and I do beleieve and know, and many will witness, that there was great care taken, that her own words might be set down.

5 From this time untill a little before the Lord was pleased to restore her, it was thought

thought that she neither did see, or hear, nor know any body, and that she never minded what was said to her, nor answered to any thing that was spoken to her. It was observed that her strength and activeness was very great during the time of the workings of her Convulsions, so that they think shee had need of a hundred severall actions and postures in her right hand in one night; and so it was severall times; and when the workings of her Convulsions were in any part of her body, that shee had more strength; and if all over, then her strength was raised beyond ordinary. Shee had also some extreame crying fits for two or three, and sometimes four hours together, which did so afflict the head and heart of her dear relations, that they were not able to abide in the room. After then after those crying fits, shee did usually vomit bloud (these crying fits continued for one quarter of a year) and after shee had vomited bloud, shee was better, exceeding quiet, mild, and spirited, and they might dispose of her as they pleased. This vomiting must be understood to be before that time that her teeth were set up.

6 These wonderful providential allurings some have sinisteriously interpreted, saying, nay, some speaking that shee was witched, possessed, &c. and that Satan did speak in her, and that it was not her voice, but

in her; to whom God shall give an an-
 swer from Heaven in his late dealings and gra-
 cious dispensations towards her.

It was the judgement of a very judicious
 physician who was sometimes with her, that
 her Disease was naturall, her Speech superna-
 turall.

It is true, we read in the Scriptures of God,
 that Satan can transform himself into an Angel
 of light, and hath spoken sometimes divine mat-
 ters, and quoted Scriptures (but corruptly of-
 fending;) Satan herein (as Lavater observes) imi-
 tates Gamblers, who suffer young Heirs to
 continue, to make them more eager of the Game;
 and so engages them till they have wone all.
 Satan will comply with the temper, and dis-
 positions of such as hee sees strongly enclined
 to gracious actings, rowing with the tide of
 their inclinations; but he notes also out of *Am-
 brose* and *Cbryostome*, that he doth this but to
 illuminate into them, and to draw them by
 these artifices, by these delightful baits, to swal-
 low the hook of evill suggestions and tempta-
 tions; but this Child never spake of her temp-
 tations, or uttered any of Satans language in
 any of her times of speaking, but all her spec-
 ches were sweet and gracious, much of Christ
 Faith, and against Satan, and against many
 sins of the present times, both in judgment
 and practice, but nothing that might tend to

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*De spectris
 & lemuribus.*

promote Satans Kingdom, and I cannot think that Satan would have been a Midwife to him to the birth so many masculine sentences, and high-born truths, as this Child hath uttered. Such divisions would much tend to the destruction of his Kingdom; hee would have mingled some of his dross amongst this pure gold, if he had prevailed so far as to gain any interest in, and power over this Child.

7 In this long time of her silence, viz. seventeen dayes, her friends began to be much perplexed, fearing God had left her, and many Prayers were sent up that he would please to open her mouth again, and upon the nineteenth of May, God having much stirred her Mothers heart to seek that mercy for her Child, she comming into the room where the Child lay, could scarcely take her seat there, before the Child began to speak, and the words which she uttered, and that with much vivacity of spirit, were these: viz.

I was in darkness, but now I am in light.

Which words her dear Mother (with others) who had mourned under the want of that mercy, did take as a most seasonable answer to their Prayers, and satisfaction to doubts which pressed their spirits, and they were much revived with the appearance of God in this sweet change in the Child, who proceeded on to utter those precious sayings

which

which now I ſhal ſet down in the order as they
were ſpoken, and taken from her mouth.

Here followeth the Childs Speeches.

Which I have ſet down, and place over-a-
gainſt them ſuch Scriptures as her words ſeem
to relate to, though I cannot think that ſhe e-
ver had in her thoughts, or ever read many of
theſe Scripture-phraſes which ſhe uttered, but
God did ſpecially help and guide her in her
expreſſions, to the praiſe of his glorious grace,
in a poor weak unlikely Inſtrument; which
may juſtifie our practice in publiſhing theſe
things, we not daring to put ſuch a light under
the buſhel; and if you conſider that theſe things
were ſpoken by a Child not yet twelve years
of age, and that when ſhe was under ſuch pre-
vailing diſtempers, which took away her ſen-
ſe, and knowledge of any friend, & her ſpeech
at all other times, but whiſt ſhe uttered theſe
things, I hope it will render the meanest of
her Speeches no contemptible things.

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The Childs Speeches.

May the 19th, 1652.

Eph. 5.8.

I Was in darknes, but now I am in light
brou for Christ, Christ is crept in ag
clasp him in your arms, hold him fast;
you have obtained Christ, hold him fast.

1 Pet. 5.8.

Away with that roaring lion, chain him
my God chain him up. Christ is come aga
how sweet my Christ is! how good my C
hath been to me, to give me Jesus Christ
you get Jesus Christ, hold him fast; do
let him go.

Matth. 7.7.

My God hath spoken a word of comfort
Seek, and ye shall find; ask, and ye shall
knock, and it shall be opened unto you: he
me knock, and he will open.

Cant. 3.4.

How sweet is Jesus Christ! sweeter than
and money; if you have him, hold him
now we have him, we will not let him go
sweet my God is! Oh how sweet my God

May the 20. h.

Oh, what a God have we, that hath gi
Jesus Christ to dye for us?

Psal. 63.8.

My God hath cast me down with his
hand, he upholdeth me with his right ha
but he will raise me up with both.

Christ is heavier than all this World;
 weigh all the World and Christ, and he will
 weigh all down.

Oh what a glorious God have I, to give me
 this Christ to save my soul; who would but
 trust him? O trust in him, when all things in
 the World fail, he will not fail, he will stick
 to you, trust him, O trust in him.

Pluck Satan away, pluck him away, my
 God, let him not touch me, let him not enter
 into my soul.

My Christ is come again, Oh, how sweet my
 Christ is! Oh, how sweet he is! those that feel
 the sweetness of Christ, they will trust in him.

Strait is the way to Heaven, but my Christ is
 gone before me, and hath opened the gates, he
 hath laid up treasures for me in Heaven.

My Christ will not fly away from those that
 trust in him.

All the *World is vanity*, there is nothing to
 take pleasure in, but all is vanity and vexation of

spirit, but they that know the pleasure and
 sweetness of Christ, they will stick close to
 him; Oh labour to get him by faith!

Struggle, O struggle, let him not go, he is an
 everlasting good to those that depend upon
 him; I desire to depend upon him.

Joy is in Heaven without sorrow, & comfort
 without discomfort, where Christ will wipe a-
 way all tears from the eyes of those that desire
 to depend upon him.

2 Chron:
15.2.

Learn to know the sweetness of Christ, *they that love him, he will never forsake them,*

Psa. 125.1. *those that do trust in him, and live to him, he will never forsake them.*

Labour for Christ, trust in him, Oh serve him, and get faith in him.

Labour to trust in Christ, and beleeve in him; those that know the sweetness of Christ will embrace him, and never let him go; and he will embrace them, and never let them go.

Joh. 17.24. Labour for Christ, that ye may have the joyes of Heaven with my sweet Father, and his Angels for ever.

Isa. 40.11. My Christ is come again, taking me up in his arms to Heaven: Oh, how sweet Christ is embracing me in his arms, carrying me in Noahs Ark to Heaven!

Oh, what a sweet Father have I, that doth all things in wisdom, for the good of my poor soul! My God will stick fast to me, he will never forsake me.

Labour to lay up Christ, embrace him in your arms, and when you feel sweetness from Christ, hold him fast. Oh, what a sweet God have I to rely upon! now that I have obtained Christ, I will stick close to him.

Act. 11.23. My God doth all things in wisdom, he knows what is good for me.

Now my God hath pull'd back Satan that roaring Lion, and hath cast him behinde me:

Oh,

Oh, what a sweet God have I! Oh, how sweet
my Christ! he hath laid up treasures in hea-
ven for my soul.

May the 21.

For whom I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Rev. 3. 19.

Why did God create his Children? for his glory; and why doth God afflict his Children? for their good.

Come to me, all my children, & I will gather you as a hen gathereth her chickens, & you shall sing Hallelujahs with the holy Angels for ever. Mat. 23. 37

Why should we desire to dye, when we are in affliction, seeing the Grave praiseth him not?

Happy are they that appear with Jesus Christ here, for they shall appear with him in glory.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest: Oh, come to me (saith my God) and drink of my drink, and thou shalt never thirst: O labour for Christ! Mar. 11. 28 John 7. 37.

All things I count but dung in comparison of Christ. Phil. 3. 8.

Get faith in Jesus Christ, and that will draw you nigh to God, and not draw you back from him. Eph. 3. 17.

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I will hear you. Psa. 50. 15.

What a sweet Father have I to give mee

Jesus Christ? who can but be thankfull? Can
be thankfull enough?

Pardon, and forgive me all my sins, Oh
not that roaring Lion get power over
pluck him back.

Deut. 10. 20

Isa. 26. 4

Heb. 13. 5

Cleave to Jesus Christ, trust in Jesus Christ
and he will never forsake you; stick fast
Jesus Christ, rely upon him: when all com-
forts fail in this World, he will never fail
therefore stick close to him.

Get grounded in Grace, and pray to Jesus
Christ; never forsake him, and he will never
forsake you.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and if you get him
what is all the whole world? if ye be poor
this World, ye are rich in Jesus Christ.

If wee could but get into Heaven, there
comfort without discomfort, joy without sor-
row, where God will wipe away all tears. Oh
how happy are they that enjoy Christ: to them
that enjoy him, he will make way for them
therefore labour to get Jesus Christ, and serve
him, and he will save you both from the dan-
gers in this world, & in that which is to come.

John 14. 2

May the 22.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and to get faith
in him, and for the life of faith in Christ. Lord
give us the light of Heaven, that wee may see
Jesus Christ with our spirituall eyes, for we
cannot behold him with our mortall eyes.

Gal. 2. 10

labour for the life of Grace, that we may
see the glorious God of Heaven; when all
light of our mortal eyes is gone, still there
is light in Jesus Christ,

Come unto me, poor soul, and follow me;
take up my crosse, and I will be thy Saviour;

Mat. 16. 24

Take heed of despising God, for fear that
his wrath be poured out upon you.

1 Sam. 2. 30

Once we have obtained Christ, there will
be no cause of mourning, but of singing and
joycing, wee shall then have no cause of
mourning.

Come unto me, all ye that are heavy laden, and
I will ease you. Oh what a sweet God is this?

Mat. 11. 28

Save me and defend me from that roaring
lion, that goes about seeking to destroy my soul.

1 Pet. 5. 8.

When Christ, which is our life, shall appear
in glory, then shall we have light.

Col. 1. 4.

Push back Satan, cast him behinde me; Oh
God, thou knowest my whole heart depend-
eth upon thee.

May the 23.

Labour for Jesus Christ, get faith in Jesus
Christ, and he will lock up your souls in his
bosom, and keep you from that roaring li-
on which goeth about seeking whom he may
devour.

Stick fast to Jesus Christ, and Satan can have
no power over you.

Alas, that wee should be led away with Sa-

tans temptations into lies, to follow our
raptions; Satan labours to get a poor soul,
when he hath got it, he will cast it into fire.

Ah, is it not better to be with my Father
Heaven, where we shall sing *Hallelujahs* to
holy Angels for ever?

Follow not Satans steps, but follow
Christs steps, and he will lead you up to
Heaven.

Psa. 47. 6. Sing praises, sing praises to our God, for

Psa. 103. 2. his mercies that he bestoweth upon us, and
not ignorant of them, and forget them
for if we forget them, he will be forgetful
us.

Take heed of Satan that roaring Lion,
heed that he get not into you; for if he do
will sink deeper and deeper into you.

Labour for Jesus Christ, for when all
helps in the World are gone, there is help
Jesus Christ.

Lord, give us repenting hearts, that we
repent truly; and come we to Christ, that
may repent truly, that thy wrath be not
ed out upon us.

Seek for Christ, look for Christ till you
him, never give over till you have found
when you have found him stick close to
and he will stick close to you.

Get faith in Jesus Christ, believe in him,
lieve him in his mighty power, believe his
his glory.

Her Speeches

Oh Lord, give us the true light of Heaven, for
we cannot see with our mortal eyes, but with
thy spiritual eyes we shall.

Oh what a good God have we, that never
does slumber, nor sleepeth, but watcheth over his
poor Servants?

Come, my Disciples, take up your crosse and
follow me, and you shall be saved; I will be your
God, and you shall be my people. Mar. 16. 24.
Heb. 12. 10.

Oh Lord, I desire to wait till my glasse be
run, for I long to be in Heaven with thy holy
Angels rejoycing.

Those that hunger and thirst after Jesus Christ,
let them come and drink of the water of life, and
they shall thirst no more; and when Christ their life
shall appear, then they shall appear with him also
in glory. John 7. 37.
Col. 3. 4.

Come unto me in time of trouble, and I will
save and deliver you.

Come, my people, enter in at the gates of
Heaven, and I will guide you in it.

My soul, O Lord, watcheth, and watcheth
till the glasse be run, to be in Heaven, rejoycing
with the holy Angels for ever.

Labour for Jesus Christ; what are we with-
out Christ? wee are but as a lump of clay or
dust, full of corruption, and without the Spi-
rit of God.

Oh, Good Lord, work a thorough work in
us, that wee may be like thy holy Angels in
Heaven. Now

Now my Christ is come again, Oh thou
could hold him fast, and not let him slip
from me; Oh Lord, give us thankfull hearts to thee
who hast given us Jesus Christ thy dear Son
take our sins upon him; all our sufferings
nothing in comparison of Jesus Christs suffer-
ings, hee suffered the Death upon the Cross
for us.

Eack 36. Lord, take away these stony hearts of ours, and
26. give us new hearts, and take away those thorns
out of our hearts, and give us thankful hearts
that we may be ever thankful unto thee for
thy good gifts, that thou hast bestowed upon
us.

May the 24th.

Isa. 53. 6. Lord, give us Jesus Christ, for without
Christ we are nothing, but like lost sheep, that
are gone astray.

Take heed that the temptations of Satan
overcome you not, lest he cast you into hell.

Not into our ears, Oh Lord, but come into
our hearts, and take away these stony hearts
of ours, and give us new hearts.

Ier. 24. 7. How good is thy Word, O God! how good
is thy Word! ground it not in our heads,
Oh Lord, but in our hearts.

Pull back Satan, that roaring lion, which
getteth about seeking whom he can devour, and
cast him into hell; Oh follow not his way
nor steps, for in them there is nothing but bla-
phemy.

and lying; but follow Christs steps,
 these will be rejoycing for ever. *John 14.*
 I will take you up into Heaven, *John 14.*
 I will give you full assurance of himself, and *22, 23. &c*
 I will keep you up in his cabinet, and keep you from *17, 26.*
 hunting roaring Lion.
 If he conquer me, he will cast me into hell. *1 Joh. 5. 18*
 but my Christ will not suffer him to touch
 my Christ is stronger than he, he will not
 I will prevail against me.
 My body is but worms-meat in the Grave
 what care I for my body, so that my soul *Joh. 19. 26*
 in Heaven with my God and his Angels.
 Seek for Christ, and you shall find him; hunt *Matth. 7. 7*
 him, and he will be found of you.
 Strait is the gate that leadeth to Heaven, and *Matth. 7.*
 there be that find it; but wide is the way that *13, 14.*
 leadeth to destruction, and many were he which
 therein.
 The afflictions of the body are nothing;
 the soul is a rare jewell; when both body *Pro. 14. 18*
 and soul are afflicted, then there is cause of
 sorrow; but pray to God that he may sup-
 port your souls.
 O take my soul into thy protection, for if
 both body and soul should be gone, then all
 is gone; but when they are in thy hands, then
 they are safe, then there is no cause of sorrow,
 but of rejoycing, and singing Hallelujah for
 ever.

Trust

Trust in God, walk in Gods way; the more you walk in Gods way, the more he will give you his assurance.

Get into Jesus Christ, for in him there is peace and comfort, and no cause of discomfort.

If we could but get one touch of the sweetness of Jesus Christ, it would ravish our hearts, so that wee would strive to get nigher and nigher to him.

Oh, What a good God have we! would not trust in such a God? let us but love God, and hee will eye us, and the more we look unto God, the more will his power be exalted in us.

What if a man have not onely part, but the whole World, yet hee can never be satisfied; and a poor soul that onely hath a desire of Christ cannot bee contented; but when a poor soul hath gained all Christ, then it is satisfied.

A poore soul will bee alwayes hungry, and hungry, hungry, and thirsting till he hath gotten all Christ, then he will be satisfied, and say he hath enough.

How loving and gracious is our God, who doth all things in wisdom, and mercy, for our good in pity, and compassion!

Oh, how happy a thing it is, and joyfull to see, when a poor soul is going to Heaven, and Christ sayes, Come, poor soul, come,

and I will lock thee up in my Cabinet,
keep thee from sin and Satan!

He is an everlasting God, stick close to him,
he will stick close to you.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be
therefore, and repent.

When we are in affliction, Christ is all in all;
some in their afflictions are apt to say, that
he hath forgotten them: but whom God lo-
veth, he correcteth; and afflictions are but to
draw us, stick closer to God, that it may be for
our good and comfort.

Let us sing praise to our God, and bee
thankfull; let us not turn back from him, and
he will not turn back from us.

Whom God loveth, he correcteth in mercy.
Correction is good for poor souls, it ma-
ke them stick closer to Christ, and that they
may know him the more, both for his own
glory, and their own good every way.

As the father calleth his child when he hath
transgressed, and asks why he doth so? & gives
him correction: so God he gives his children
correction, but it is for their good & comfort. Isa. 27. 18.

God scourgeth and whippeth his children,
he will not give them one whip, nor one
more then is for their good.

God is God in all his dealings, he neither slum-
bers nor sleepeeth, but is diligent, and carefull
watching over his poor children.

Neh. 9. 33.
Psa. 121. 3,
4.
Mal. 2. 2.

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Phil. 3. 8. Let us give him praise for all his mercies
he turn his blessings into cursings.

Heb. 13. 5. Labour for Jesus Christ, stick close to
Christ, and he will stick close to you, he
never forsake you; till you have him, you
never be satisfied.

Labour to follow things according to
Christ, for if we gain Christ, we gain all.
When all helps fail, Christ will never fail.
He will never forsake you.

Let us labour to get into Jesus Christ,
we may be like the Angels in Heaven, and
use bend our mindes to Jesus Christ, for
mercies are greater to us than we can desire.

May the 25.

Come poor soul, come poor soul, for
God stretcheth forth his hand to an afflicted
soul; thou hast been afflicted, but now I
take thee up into Heaven; God will take
poor afflicted soul into Heaven.

Good is thy Word (O Lord) to be effectual
not only in our heads, but in our hearts.
Away these stony hearts, O Lord, that thy Word
may work a thorough work in us.

Oh take my soul, O Lord, into thy protection,
and lock it up in thy cabinet, for I am
redeemed (Lord) that I shall be in happiness
with thee, and thy Holy Angels in Heaven.

Labour to get faith in Jesus Christ, and
it will keep you out of the deep pit.

Trust in Jesus Christ, and be mindful of his
 sayes, and he will be mindful of you.

He walketh, and neither slumbereth nor sleep-
 eth; who would not follow his steps, and not

Lord, open thou our hearts and our eyes,
 we run not head-long into that bottom-
 less pit of hell and destruction.

Come, my Disciple, and take up thy crosse,
 and walk, and thou shalt be saved.

Pray for fix'd hearts and souls in Jesus
 Christ, that they bee not cast into bell-fire;
 God give us fixed and zealous hearts for Jesus
 Christ, and fixed for Heaven.

The Lord will not turn back from us, if we
 do not turn back from him, he will carry us
 to Heaven, where there is no change, but
 joy, and rejoycing for evermore.

Trust in Jesus Christ, and hee will rebuke
 your spirituall enemy: Satan is the greatest
 enemy to your souls; if he get them, he will cast
 them into bell-fire.

Come, my people, into my Tabernacle, and
 I will embrace you with my armes, and there
 shall be cause of joy, and rejoycing with God
 and his Holy Angels for ever.

If you can but rise with Christ, and seek those
 things that are above, he will take you up into
 Heaven, and lock you up in his cabinet; if you
 can but rise with him, there will be cause of

joy

Col. 3.1.

joy and rejoycing for ever with my God
his Holy Angels for ever.

If we can but rise so high as Heaven,
will be cause of joy and comfort, and not
of discomfort; if we be but raised so high
to seek those things that are above, then
are happy.

*Come, let us sing a new Song, let the praise
of God be alwayes in our mouthes, and let them
ever depart out of our mouthes.*

*Come, and let us rejoyce and be glad with
heavenly Father, where there is cause of com-
fort, and no cause of discomfort.*

*Let us labour to draw nigh home, for we
not at home whilest we are here; let us thir-
fore hunger and thirst after better places,
are but as pilgrims and strangers here, but
must labour to wait with patience till
Glas be run.*

*We are but as Travellers that travell to
fro, let us labour to come to an abiding place
where there is no change, then there is com-
fort, then wee come to that place that
souls thirst after.*

*What a gracious Father have we! let
thankfull unto him for our manifold mercies
and blessings; what cause have we to give
praise for them? let us never be unmindful
giving him praise, and hee will never be
mindful of us.*

And as a Christ have we, that doth all things
 with wisdom! Oh, what hath he done for us?
 We can never suffer so much for him as hee Phil. 2. 8:
 For us, he suffered the death upon the
 cross for us.

Good is thy Word, O God, and to be este-
 med of us; let us be not ignorant of it, let us
 give a token of thankfulness in our hearts, let
 us acknowledge it, that we may give God the
 glory of it again: teach us the way that wee
 may acknowledge, and be thankful.

Come, my people, do not thirst, but come and
 drink of the water of life freely, and you shall not John 7. 3.
 thirst again. I suppose he meant, do not
 thirst in your thirsting, but come and drink.

Come, my people, follow me into that plea-
 sant place of heaven, and there you shall have
 all everlasting.

Put thy Spirit into our hearts, and take away Ezek. 36.
 our stony hearts, that wee may become new 26, 27.

Come, my people, enter in at the Gate.
 At the gate is the gate, but I will lead you, and open
 the Gate of that comfortable place, the Gate
 of Heaven.

Oh, trust in God, and labour to be true
 lovers; and he will free you from sin and
 that roaring Lion, that seeks whom hee
 may devour: put your trust in the Lord, and
 you will have cause of joy and rejoycing
 ever.

Her speeches.

O God, thou art mercifull unto thy children; and the more we hunger and thirst after thee, the more mercifull art thou; Lord, thank thee for thy mercies that thou hast bestowed upon us.

God is gracious in all his wayes and all his works. Let us trust still in God, if we do but trust in God, we shall never faint; although I be in a suffering condition here, I shall be in a comfortable condition hereafter.

How sweet is Christ in his dealings and dispensations: he will not let Satan that cunning roaring Lion, do me any hurt.

Oh, ground faith in our hearts, Oh Love upon thy Son Jesus Christ; Oh, ground our hearts aright upon him, and hee will provide for us; and take us up into his Kingdom where there is no cause of mourning, but joy and comfort for ever.

We are but as Pilgrims here, and stay a while till our glasse be run, and then Jesus Christ will be our Protector and Guide, where we shall have joyce for ever.

I will keep your souls in my protection, I will rebuke Satan, that roaring Lion, for your sakes.

Note, that oftentimes she would have uttered words but could not, and then her lips would move, as if I conceive some of her speeches were spoken in relation to some thing that she had in her mind.

which is set down: and so in the last Speech
to understand some other of her speeches.

May the 26th.

Seek the things which are above, where Christ
sits at the right hand of God our Father; if we can
rise so high, there we should have cause of
comfort, and none of discomfort, for ever and
ever.

Happy shall wee be when wee are raised so
high as to sit at the right hand of God our
Father.

God my Father hath chain'd up Satan, that
roaring Lion, that hee cannot enter into my
soul.

God doth sometimes suffer Satan to afflict
us, that we may be drawn nearer to him.

God lets us lye in afflictions, that we may
be good by them, and himself glory.

Let us praise God for all his mercies, and he
will shewre them down upon us the more.

The more wee seek to give God glory for
all his mercies, the more will God seek to
poured down good upon us.

Though God do take away the comfort of
this World, yet he will give us comfort in an-
other World.

Gracious is God, and pittifull to poor souls
when they shall call to him for help, and saith,

14 Lord, I am helpless of my self, my help is up-
on thee, and I trust in thee, then he gives him
help and comfort by faith in Jesus Christ. Who
would but trust in such a God that gives us
Christ, that we may joy and rejoyce? O how
good a God have we, that doth rebuke the
Tempter, and will not let him have us, though
he strive to catch us: he would make our go-
ing to Heaven uncomfortable, and pull away
our souls, but God will not suffer him; for
those that God hath chosen, they shall receive
comfort.

How gracious is God in all his wayes, and
worthy to be esteemed of! if we do not esteem
of him, he will not esteem of us; he is *angry*
Isa. 54. 7. 8 *with his people, it is but for a while;* but with
those that he is ever angry, he will say, *Go ye
cursed into hell-fire,* and what a pittifull case
is that? God will stretch out his hand to a
poor soul, and say, *Come, poor soul, come,*
thou hast been long in affliction, but I will lay
thee up in Heaven, there thou shalt be happy,
and reioyce for ever.

Our Father gives us his Son Jesus Christ, to
save our souls, or wee had been burning in
hell-fire before this time, but our God is gra-
cious to us.

Mat. 7. 19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is
hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Lord, open our eyes, that wee may see Jesus
Christ

Christ comming into our souls with white robes; wee cannot see him with our mortall eyes; but Lord, make us to see him with our spiritual eyes; this would be the joyfulllest sight that ever we did see in all our lives.

What disobedient children are we that do not go when our Father commands us to go?

If you be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ himself sits at the right hand of God.

Let us have our eyes list up to Heaven, that wee may see Jesus Christ sitting at the right hand of God; and let us be thankfull for all his mercies, for if we be unmindfull of him, he will be unmindful of us.

Lord, our hearts are empty, fill them with thy Spirit, and take away the corruption that is within us.

Why are our hearts set upon the World? there is nothing but pride and corruption in the World; and wee poor sinfull creatures are subject to run head-long into the World. Lord, wean our hearts from the World.

Good Lod, give us Grace, and the eye of Faith, that we may see Jesus Christ comming, though a far off, and that we may come nigh, and stick close to him.

Lord, give us faith, that wee may trust thee, and beleeve in thee, and make us true beleevers in the Lord Jesus Christ; for we have no-

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thing of our selves, but corruption to trust
and that will fly from us.

How good God is, and mercifull to all
children, in delivering them from all
temptations of their spirituall enemy, which
daily seeketh to destroy them!

Oh, come, my people, into my Tabernacle,
and I will take you up into my Throne, and
there you shall rejoyce with me, and my An-
gels for ever and ever.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and when you
have obtained him, embrace him, and he will
embrace you; cleave fast to him, and he will
cleave fast to you.

Acknowledge Jesus Christ, who is our Savi-
our; and when all things in the World fail,
he will not fail, he will stick close to you, and
not forsake you.

Let us bee thankfull for all mercies, though
they bee but little ones; for when wee are
thankful for little ones, hee will poure more
upon us; and if wee be not thankfull for the
least mercy, he will poure down great curses
upon us.

Look upon the actions of God, and the
more you look into his works, the more pow-
er of God you shall find in them; all that bee
doth, hee doth it for the good of his poor
children, and those that fear him.

May the 27.

Lord, purge our bodies, and purifie our

corrupt hearts, that thy Word may work a
thorow work in us; call back, call back, that
roaring Lion, that goes about seeking
whom he may devour.

What disobedient children are we? for that
which God commandeth, we will not do; but
that which he forbiddeth, that we do, and run
head-long to our own destruction.

If the Spirit of God once work in our
hearts; then wee shall bee happy, and shall
sound out the praise and glory of our God,
for he is wonderfull in our eyes.

Lord, open thou our mouth, and let our lips *Psal: 51. 15*
shew forth thy praise; our God make speed to
have us; O teach us to know Jesus Christ, for
how will that ravish our poor souls to know
our Saviour! and then we shall draw nigher
to Heaven, and rejoyce with our Father.

Come, my people, come, enter into my Ta-
bernacle, and I will have mercy upon you.

Help, help, Lord, for Christs sake, that I may
obtain that happy place; for there is comfort
without discomfort, and joy without sorrow.

May the 28th.

What disobedient children are we for doing
those things which we ought not to do, and
in leaving undone those things which wee
ought to have done.

Come, my people, enter into my Taberna-
cle,

cle, and I will gather you under my wings,
 Hen gathereth her Chickens; and I will assure
 you of your salvation, and you shall rest
 with my holy Angels for ever and ever.

Let us labour to get faith in Jesus Christ
 who will gather us from our enemies; when
 a poor soul thinks hee is cast down into hell,
 then Christ comes and raiseth it up, then
 that soul will rejoyce with Christ, and he will
 keep it from falling into that deep pit, he will
 not let it fall again; who would but trust in
 a God as this, that will give his children hea-
 ven to beleeve and fear him?

Labour to get Jesus Christ, for we cannot
 get him without pains: if we mean to be
 with him. Oh how ought we to take pains
 and labour to know and acknowledge Jesus
 we must struggle and strive for him, or else
 we can never obtain him.

May the 29 h.

How good is our God, that takes pittie upon
 a poor afflicted soul! for when a poor soul
 is going to hell, and seeth no help but in Jesus
 Christ, then it cries, Help, help, help, Lord
 and then Jesus Christ delivereth that poor soul
 out of hell.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and seek for him
 he is not easily gained, we must seek for him
 and take pains for him, or we shall never ob-
 tain him; unless we take pains we shall ne-
 ver find him.

Lord

Lord, give us hearts that we may seek after
Jesus Christ, and that we may rely upon him
by faith, that we may be made true believers
in thy Word.

Lord, open thou our mouthes, that our lips may
forth thy praise: Lord, pour out thy Spirit
upon our souls, & it will make us draw nigher
and nigher unto thee.

Many are they, Lord, that cannot obtain
Jesus Christ, it is because they doe not take
pains: but let us arise, and be doing; for with-
out pains, we can get nothing; we must take John 6.27.
pains, and struggle for Jesus Christ, else we can
never obtain him.

Lord, fill our hearts with Jesus Christ, for
they are empty; fill them full of Jesus Christ,
that we may bee able to live by faith upon
him; Lord, fill our hearts with the knowledge
of Jesus Christ, for our hearts are empty; and
with the righteousness of Jesus Christ; Lord,
enrich our souls, that we may enrich the King-
dom of God.

Let us be thankfull to God for all his mer-
cies and blessings which he is pleased to bestow 1 Sam. 2.30
upon us: for the more thankfull wee are, the Psa. 50.23.
more will he poure down his mercies and bles-
sings upon us.

How gracious is our God, that doth all
things in wisdom and mercy to his poor Ser-
vants: he doeth nothing to them, but that
which

which is for their good, in mercy and in righteousness. O Lord, give us true faith in the righteousness of Jesus Christ, that we may relye upon him for our salvation.

What a sweet thing it is to enjoy Jesus Christ! happy is that soul that doth enjoy such a gift from our Father.

If we should be thankfull all our dayes, we can never be thankful enough; for he suffered the death upon the crosse for our sins.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins, and wash them away in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and then shall we be purified, and become pure Christians.

1 Thess. 5. Let us give praise unto our God for all his mercies and blessings that he hath bestowed upon us; let us alwayes be praising our God, and be thankful, and ever thankful.

May the 30th.

Rom. 1. 22, 23. Lord, humble our hearts, and open our eyes, that we be not led away with Satan, and run head-long to our destruction.

John 6. 44. We have enemies too many to draw us back from Jesus Christ, but there are very few that will draw us to Jesus Christ.

Psal. 119. 117. Lord, take our souls into thy protection and keeping, for when they are with thee, they are safe.

[Isa 136. 2. Let us sing praise to our God, for his mercy endureth for ever.

Lord

His Speeches.

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Lord, take away our unbelief, and bring us to Jesus Christ, that wee may become new Christians. 1 Cor. 5. 17

Lord, wash away all our sins in the blood of my Son Jesus, and purifie our affections, that wee may become pure Virgins in Jesus Christ.

Come, let us drink of the water of life, and then we shall never thirst again.

Oh how happy are they that can but obtain Jesus Christ; for if we be never so poor in this world, if we can but obtain Jesus Christ, we shall have riches enough, for then we shall be in glory. Eph. 3. 8.

May 31.

The Lord give us faith, for without faith we cannot get Jesus Christ. Eph. 2. 8.

The Lord give us knowledge, for without knowledge we cannot attain faith, and without faith we cannot attain to salvation. Rom. 10. 17. Eph. 1. 18,

If we can attain to the height of faith, we shall attain to the height of Jesus Christ; and if we attain to the height of Jesus Christ, we shall attain to the height of glory. 19.

Lord, humble us under our burthen of sin, that when Christ who is our life shall appear, we may also appear with him in glory. Math. 23. 12.

Come, my people, Call upon me in time of trouble, and I will hear you, and answer you. Psa. 50. 15.

Oh wash us, and cleanse us, that neither spot

Eph. 5. 27. spot nor stain be upon us; wash us clean
blood of Christ, that we may become new
gins, pure virgins.

2Chro. 20. 22, 23, 24. Let us blesse God, and be thankfull
those mercies that he is pleased to pour
upon us; let us be thankfull, yea very
full; for the more we thank him, the
will he pour down his mercies upon us.

June 1. 1652.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins
give us hearts earnestly to begge pardon
them; if thou hadst not been a mercifull
ther, we had all been burning in hell-fire
had been all burning and howling in hell
before this, but thou hast given thy Son
Christ to dye for our sins; for his sake we
pardon for them.

Lord, give us thankfull hearts, we
cause to bee thankfull, if wee had a thousand
hearts, we could never be thankfull enough
thee for all thy mercies, that thou hast bestow
ed, and showred down upon us.

Lord, give us thy Word, and ground
our hearts; Lord, give us thy Spirit into
hearts, for without thy Spirit the Word is
a dead letter.

I will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

Jer. 31. 33.

Titus. 1. 1.

Col. 2. 2.

Lord, give us faith in Jesus Christ; for
out faith in him we can never acknowle
Jesus Christ to be our alone Saviour and
deemer.

spake not again untill June the fourth.

Oh, my God, I give unto thee my soul, my
and my heart, and all; hoping that I now
going unto that happy place, which I have
longed so long.

June the 5th.

A poor man which hath not a bit of Eph. 3.8.
nor a broom to sweep his house with- Col. 2.3.
yet if he have but Christ, he is richer than
a man which hath all the riches of this
world.

Who would but trust in such a God, that
save and defend us from all evil?

Who would but trust in such a Christ, that Luk 1.74.
defend us from Satan, and all our enemies
bodily and spirituall? Who would but
trust in such a Christ, that will preserve us as
Jonah, three dayes and three nights in Jonah 1.17
Whales belly?

And, humble, humble, our stony hearts,
they be not puffed up with pride and va-

How often would I have gathered you together Mat. 23.37
gathereth her Chickens under her wings,
would not, but were stubborn and rebel-

June

John 6th.
O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often
 have I gathered you together, as a Hen gathereth
 her Chickens, and you would not?
 Let not your hearts be drawn after the
 things of this world, nor after the steps of
 Satan, which goeth lurking, lording, waiting
 and waiting like a Serpent; but follow Christ's
 steps, for if Satan get you, he will fling you
 to hell-fire.

Matth. 7.
 13, 14

Long is the way to Heaven, and much
 we have to get thither; but short is the
 that leadeth to hell.

What disobedient children are wee,
 will not follow Gods commands? that
 he forbids us, and that we do; and
 which is good he commands us, and that
 we do not.

Lord, wean our hearts from this world,
 we not be led by sin nor Satan; let not Satan
 get any power over our souls: if he get
 over our souls, he will cast them into the
 torments of hell for ever and ever.

Phil 3. 8.

This world is nothing but fading comfort,
 nothing but dross, loss and dung in comparison
 of Christ.

Mat. 2. 36.

What are wee better when wee are in
 pomp in this world, when we do nothing
 please in our souls, and our souls to be cast
 to hell, where there will be howling for
 ever and ever?

Her speeches.

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Lord, pardon our proud worldly hearts, Mat. 6. 19.

we are alwayes hungering after this sinful
world; where there is nothing but that which
shall lead us into hell.

Oh, let us not hunger after this world, but
after Christ.

Oh, what a loving Father have wee, that Verse 13.

when a poor soul is thrown down as low as John 6. 44.

and is in great afflictions, then he sends Joh. 12. 32.

his Christ, and takes pittie of that poor soul,
and lifts it up to heaven.

Christ will look upon a poor soul with the
most of compassion, then that poor soul is hap-

py, and he will carry it to heaven, where it shal
rejoyce with God and his holy Angels.

Let us hunger for Jesus Christ, and when we

see him, let us hold him fast; and let us stick

close to him, and he will stick close to us; he

shall be our Keeper, and our Saviour both of
our bodies and soules.

Good is thy Word, and to bee esteemed;

wee will receive it into our hearts, and not onely into 1 Theff. 2.

our heads, but into our hearts, that it may 13.

doe a thorow work in us.

Come, let us flye up to heaven as a bird in Isa. 40. 31.

the air; if we could get up as high as heaven,

we should be happy.

Joy, joy, joy, everlasting ioy.

Come, let us sing praises unto our God with

joy, and joy, for wee shall sing with our Fa-
ther,

Psal. 16. 1.

Psal. 95. 1.

Matth. 16.

27.

Rom. 16.
20.

ther, and his holy Angels for ever and ever.
Lord, vanquish Satan that roaring lion,
tread him under foot, that he may not
come our souls by his evill wayes, watch
every opportunity.

June the 7th.

This night came one of those commo-
called Quakers, and all that came to hear
judge that then she knew none, neither could
she hear, or did ever mind what was said
her, or in her company; and this man and
Uncle Captain Hatfield, being in discourse
she uttered the words following at that time
(which are very observable,) viz.

Take heed, take heed, that you sow
Tares, lest you reap Tares; Every Tree
bringeth not forth good fruit is hewen down
cast into the fire.

Matth. 13:

25.

Gal. 6. 7, 8.

Mat. 7. 17.

Lord, give us faith in Christ, for without
faith and knowledge wee cannot come unto
Christ.

Come, let us flye unto the Throne of grace
as a Bird doth into the air.

Heb. 4. 16.

Lord, give us zealous hearts for
Christ, for there is help in him, but there
no help upon the earth.

Lord, resist Satan that roaring Lion,
goes about seeking whom hee may devour: let
us cleave to Jesus Christ, when Satan draws
and he will deliver us from that roaring

June the 8th.

and quicken our dead and ignorant hearts,
 which are stubborn and rebellious. (but be-
 cause we be quickened, wee must lye at the feet John 5. 40
 of Jesus Christ,) for without we be quickened, Joh. 12. 35
 we are like an ignorant man that travells up
 and down, and knows not whither.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours,
 take that burthen from us, for Christ
 hath said, Come unto me, all ye that labour and are
 laden, and I will give you rest. Mat. 11. 28

If we be dead-hearted, we must lie down
 at the feet of Jesus Christ, till he be pleased to
 quicken us.

Take heed of despising God and his Ordi- Luk. 10. 16
 nances, for if we despise them, God will de-
 spise us.

Set your affections on things above, and not on Col. 3. 1
 things below: for your life is hid with Christ in

heaven. Labour for Jesus Christ, and hee will cast
 out that spirituall enemy that would cast you

out. Trust in Jesus Christ, for he is a trusty God
 to be trusted in.

Let us put on the whole armour of God.

Eph. 6. 11

Oh, let us labour for Jesus Christ, and hee
 will be our Shepheard, and wee shall be his
 sheep, he will lock us up in his Cabinet, and
 keep us from sin and Satan.

1 Pet. 2. ult.

Mark 9.24

2 Tim. 2.1.

2 Cor. 5.16

Revel. 2.9.

1 Pet. 2.7.

Mat. 13.46.

Joh. 5.39.

46.47.

2 Cor. 4.

16.17.

Luk. 11.22.

John 4.14.

Joh. 17.17.

1 Pet. 1.16.

1 Pet. 3.9.

Lord, strengthen our unbelieving hearts

Let us labour to be strong in faith, and

shall be strong in Jesus Christ.

Let us labour to be rich in Jesus Christ

though we be poor in the World.

I have obtained Jesus Christ.

When you have obtained Jesus Christ,

have obtained a jewel of all jewels.

Let us be Partakers of the Word of God

and wee shall be Partakers of Jesus Christ

if we do not know the Word of God,

be Partakers of it, we shall never know

Christ.

When wee are but weak in body, and

true Christians, wee shall be strong in

Christ.

If we be weak in body, our body loseth

it, but our souls gain by it.

Let us labour to get true possession of

Christ, and then Satan that roaring lion

get no possession of us.

Lord, give us the life of Grace, to

up in our hearts, that wee may be drawn

thence.

June the 9th.

Lord, give us the light of Heaven, that

may be holy as thou art holy.

If once Grace be but kindled in our hearts,

then happy shall we be and blessed.

Let us trust in Jesus Christ, and be

conquer our spiritual enemy, and purifie our *Ab. 15. 91*
 humble hearts.

Let us be thankfull, and ever thankfull for *Mat. 3. 2.*

his mercies, lest he turn his *Blessings* into
Curses, and pour down his wrath upon us.

Lord, give us true repenting hearts for our
 finnes, lest we run head-long to hell for want
 of repentance.

Come, my Disciples, *Take up your Crosse,* *Jer. 31. 18.*

and follow me, and I will bee your God: joy, *Luke 13. 3*
 joy, *Rev. 21. 7.*

Learn the lesson of faith, or you shall never *Heb. 11. 27*
 know Christ; but Lord, let us learn this lesson *Eph. 6. 16.*

of faith, that we thy unworthy Servants may
 be delivered both from our bodily and spiri-
 tual enemies.

Wee are poor dry creatures; but Lord, *Ezek. 1. 9.*
 breath thy Spirit into us, that wee may bee *4. 5.*
 saints in Heav'n.

Good Lord, enrich our souls, that wee may *James 2. 5.*
 enrich the Kingdom of Heaven.

Come, my people, enter into my Taber- *Pf. 24. 3, 4,*
 nacle, and you shall rest in ioyes for ever. *with 15.*

Wee must labour to have hearts for Jesus
 Christ, or wee shall never attain to him: *pro. 2. 35*
 wee must labour for him; hee is not easi- *4. 5.*
 ly gained, but wee must take pains, and seek

Let us put off the rags of sin, and put on the *Eph. 4. 23*
 robes of righteousness.

Rom. 13. 14. Let us struggle for Jesus Christ, and labour
 Cant. 3. 4. for him, lay hold of him, and when we have
 obtained him, let him not slip from us.

Let us give God the glory of all things, and
 he will pour down all things upon us that
 are good for us.

Luke 11. 1. Lord, pardon our sins, and give us heart
 to beg pardon of thee for them.

1 Thess. 5. Lord, give us thankfull hearts to acknow-
 ledge thy goodnesse, and to be thankfull for
 every little mercy.

1 Cor. 13. Lord, fit and prepare our unprepared hearts
 52. with 58 that we may be prepared at the sound of the
 Trumpet.

Let us labour to be married to Jesus Christ
 Revel. 19. and that is better than all the marriages
 7. 8. 9. of the world; it is an everlasting marriage; he
 Psal. 73. 26. is the richest above all; he is an everlasting por-
 tion; he that feeds bodies with naturall food
 John 6. 31. will also feed the souls of all those that be-
 lieve and put their trust in him, with spirituall
 food.

June the 10th.

2 Pet. 1. 1. Knock at the gates of Righteousnesse, and
 Christ will open the door of faith.

Psa. 27. 14. Trust in Jesus Christ, and he will comfort
 you with that word (Come, poor souls.)

Eph. 6. 11. Put on the whole armour of God, that
 you may be able to fight against the Devil and
 Hell.

- Lord,

Lord, fill our hearts with the fulnesse of Je- John 1.16
sus Christ, that no corruption remain in. 4. 8. 11. 2.

Lord, satisfie our hearts, for without thee Psa. 4. 6, 7
we cannot be satisfied.

Lord, give us faith in Jesus Christ, that wee Phil. 1. 29.
may rest beleeving in him, for our hearts are Eph. 2. 8.
full of unbelief.

Lord, take our hearts off from this world- 1 John 2:
ly trash, for this world is nothing else but 15. 1. 2. 3.
trash. Lord, humble these proud hearts, John 5. 44.
that they may cleave, and stick more close to
Jesus Christ.

Lord, take these base and ignorant hearts Psa. 79. 9.
ours, cleanse and purge them. Psa. 51. 7.

Let us not be forgetfull of Gods mercies, lest Psa. 78. 7.
we be forgetfull of God. Deut. 32. 1
18. 2. 8. 9.

Oh how good my God is, that hath given
me Jesus Christ! Lord, fill me full of Jesus Isa. 9. 6. 10.
Christ, that I may dwell with him.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sinnes,
and wash them away in the blood of Jesus
Christ.

Lord, purifie our hearts, as the honey is pu-
rified from the drosse.

Lord, give us faith to beleve in Jesus
Christ, for without faith we can never attain
to Jesus Christ.

Let us lye at the feet of Jesus Christ, that Mat. 23. 12
we may be raised to the height of glory.

Let us be thankfull for every good mercy ; Deut. 32. 1
18. with 19.

Psa. 78. 42. for if we be not thankfull, God will hide
with 59. face from us.

Psa. 124. 7. Lord, keep back that roaring lion, and
him under foot, he did lay his snare for me,
thou hast broken it, and I am escaped as the
from the fowler.

*Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I
hear you, and deliver you from al dangers in
world, and that which is to come.*

Rom. 3. 26. Let us labour to attain to the height
Heb. 10. 22 Righteousnesse, that wee may attain to
Eph. 3. 17, height of Faith; for if wee do not attain
18, 19. the height of Righteousnesse, wee can ne
attain to the height of Faith; and if wee
not attain to the height of Faith, wee shall
ver attain to the height of Jesus Christ.

Trust in Jesus Christ, and he will conquer
that enemy that would conquer your po
souls; but God hath conquered him in me.
Come, poor people, let us rejoyce togeth
Come, let us sing a new song, for all his m
cies that he is pleased to bestow upon us.

Lam. 3. 22. How great is the mercy of God to us,
keeping of us from sinking down into t
bottomlesse pit?

1 Sam. 2. 36 Let us take heed of displeasing God,
ult. God displease us, and be angry with us.

June the 11th.

*Call upon me in time of trouble, and I will
and deliver you.*

So then all they that put their trust in *psal. 2. 13.*
 and call upon him, shall be happy and *metre.*

Cast down that roaring Lion that goeth a-
 out to conquer my poor soul: if I do but
 my trust in Jesus Christ, hee will conquer

Lord, give us righteousness, for without *2 Per. 1. 1.*
 righteousness wee can never get faith, and
 without faith we can not get Christ.

Lord, give us true repending hearts for all *Acts 5. 3.*
 sins, for without true repending hearts we *Heb. 10. 22.*
 can never get assurance of our salvation.

Lord, ravish our hearts with the joy of Hea- *Neh. 8. 10.*
 ven, that we may labour and take pains for
 Jesus Christ, for without pains he will never
 be found.

Joy, joy, joy, everlasting joy.

Lord humble our self-willed hearts, that we *Luke 1. 46,*
 may bee thankfull for all thy mercies which *47. with*
 thou hast been pleased to bestow upon us. *48.*

Thou hast been a loving and a merciful Fa-
 ther, but we have been stubborn and rebellious
 children; if thou hadst not been a gracious
 Father, wee had all been burning in Hell-fire
 before this.

Come, let us sow the seed of faith, that we *Hos. 10. 12*
 may reap gladness.

When we are in affliction, wee must cry to
 Jesus Christ for help, and he will help us.

Her Speech.

June the 12th.

Let us trust in Jesus Christ, and labour for faith; struggle and strive for it, for our Father will give us his dear Son Jesus Christ.

Luk. 17. 10 We can never doe so much for Jesus Christ as he hath done for us; he hath laid down his life to save us.

Joy, joy, joy, everlasting joy.

Jam. 4. 4. Gods world and this world are not both like; those that are of this world, they love the world; and such, if they do not suffer in this world, they must suffer in another world, in torments in Brimstone and Fire for ever and ever.

We pray thee, good God, look upon this poor unworthy people, and deliver us from all dangers.

1 Cor. 15. 45. Lord, quicken us in thy Son Jesus Christ, till we come to that joyfull place where there is no change.

Lord, fill our hearts with the fulness of Jesus Christ, that wee may dwell with thee and thy holy Angels for ever.

Lord, keep our hearts close unto thee, and pull us forth of the snare of Satan that roareth like a Lion, and make us to escape, as the Bird escapes out of the net of the Fowler.

What a good God and mercifull Father

have we ! if he had not been merciful to us, we
had been all burning in hell before this.

Lord ripen us, for the sooner we are ripe,
the sooner shall wee have assurance of Jesus
Christ.

Lord, satisfie our unsatisfied hearts ; if we
had all the World, we should never be satisfi-
ed, but if we had Jesus Christ, we should be sa-
tisfied.

Wee are here like poor captives without
grace in our heartr.

Without thy Spirit, Lord, wee are but as
dry creatures, *dry bones* moscer'd away, with-
out thou breath the *Spirit of life into us*.

Lord, purge our unclean hearts, that wee
may be purified in Jesus Christ.

Good Lord, look down upon thy unworthy
servants, and give us thankfull hearts for all
those mercies that thou hast bestowed upon us,
that all our mercies be turned into curses.

June the 13th.

Come, let us suck sweetnesse from Jesus
Christ, as the Bee sucks sweetnesse out of the
flower.

Come, let us call upon the Lord in time of
trouble, and what afflictions soever we are in,
he will hear us, and deliver us.

Come, let us search these false hearts of
ours ; there is deceit in every corner of them ;
but wee must desire of God to help us to
search

Col. 3. 11.

Isa. 26. 19.
Rom. 8. 2.

Mal. 3. 3.

Isa. 66. 11.

Lam. 3. 40.
Jer. 17. 9.
Psal. 139:

search 23, 24.

search them, lest our searching prove all
vain.

Eph. 4. 1. 2 Let us labour to get the truth of Jesus Christ
if we can but get truth of Jesus Christ, it will
ravish our hearts; first, he prepares our hearts
for the work of faith, then hee works faith
in them.

Isa. 29. 18.

Mar. 6. 22.

Those that God hath chosen he will pluck
out the blinde eye, that they be not led away
by sin and Satan, and he will give them a light
eye.

Lord, fill our hearts with the fulnesse of
Jesus Christ; that wee doe not sink into the
bottomlesse pit.

Come and knock at the gate of righteous-
nesse, and wait till Jesus Christ come and
open the gates.

Lord, pull back that roaring lion, that se-
pent that goeth about seeking to devour our
poor souls. God will but suffer him to step
that we may stick closer to Jesus Christ.

Zach. 3. 2. Lord, rebuke that roaring lion, and cha-
ge him up, that he may have no power over our
poor souls.

Matth. 24. Lord, prepare our unprepared hearts again
42. 14. thou call.

Prov. 16. 1. Oh God, prepare our hearts, that we may
Psa. 108. 1. come before thee with thankfull hearts for
with Heb. every mercy that thou hast bestowed upon
10. 17. us.

Lord

He Speecher.

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Lord, give us faith, for without faith wee Heb. 11. 6.
cannot come to thee.

June the 14th.

Good Lord, enrich our poor souls, that we
may enrich the Kingdom of Heaven.

We have but dry and ignorant hearts, Lord
thicken them, that wee may sit at the right
hand of God with Jesus Christ, rejoycing with
him for ever.

psal. 143.
11.
Matth. 25.
33, &c.
1 Theff. 4.
17.

June the 15th.

Good Lord, what shall we do to inherit the
Kingdom of Heaven?

Acts 2. 37.

June the 18th.

The Lord be with you, for I am going to
change, and after shall never change.

I pray you, pray that my soul may be preci-
ous in the sight of God.

Job 14. 14.
1 Cor. 11.
51, 52, 53.
Psal. 116.
115.

God is going now to finish his work:

My God hath laid up Treasures for me in
Heaven.

June the 19th.

Me thinks I see the fine sights of Heaven, my
Christ embracing me in his armes, and letting
me see the light of Heaven.

2 Tim. 4. 8.
John 1. 50.
Mat. 25. 23

Then psal. 36. 9.

Then she spake no more till June 21th.

The Lord of Heaven bee with you though we part here, I hope we must meet in Heaven; my Christ is shewing me the way to Heaven.

Pray, pray, pray for some help from God and pray that your prayers may be accepted of God.

These valedictory expressions of hers, I conceive, might arise from that change, which now should be in the manner of her Disease for now she had to more the liberty of speech given to her untill the twenty ninth day of July, and then

July the 29th.

About eight of the clock at night (as was the ordinary time that she began at, and so continued some two hours with intervals to speak) shee being in a stiffe fit, spake these words with a smiling countenance.

My Christ is come again. I have obtained my Christ.

I have my desire, I have now a crucified Christ.

Then she spake not again untill August 10th about 10 of the clock at night.

Now my Father hath given me Jesus Christ again (I hope) to save my soul.

Now I have obtained Christ again, a crucified Christ.

Let us put off the rags of sin, and put on the robe of righteousness.

August the 15, about 7 of the clock, she lying in the same posture, spake as followeth.

My Saviour is come again that suffered death upon the Crosse to save my soul.

I was in darknesse, but now I am in light.

My Christ hath vanquished Satan that goeth about to destroy my soul.

Then she spake not again untill August the 17.

When she had the extreamest convulsion that ever; shee was drawn with her face turned behinde her, and one eye looking up, the other shut, and in that fit shee spake as followeth.

I will be with my God, and my God will be with me.

I hope my soul is precious in the sight of my God.

I am not in the hands of the Devill, but in the hands of my God.

Which words much refreshed the spirits of her friends, who stood weeping by her to see so sadly handled: then she proceeded.

My

2 Chron:

15.2.

John 8.48.

John 10.

28,29.

psal. 34. 7.

My Gods Angels have pitied their Trouble
about me, and will carry my soul into heaven.

2 Chron.

15. 2.

Heb. 13. 5.

psa. 28. 4, 5

Isa. 5. 12,

13.

I will never forsake my God, and my
will never forsake me.

Take heed of slighting Gods mercies;
we slight his mercies, he will slight us;
slight his mercies, he will pour his wrath
on us.

August 20.

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I
will relieve you.

Ask, and ye shall have; knock, and it
shall be opened unto you.

Ask, and you shall have life everlasting.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye
be able to stand against the Devill; and all
Angels.

psal. 25. 14.

psal. 31. 15.

Let us wait upon the Lord untill his
appointed, and he will ease us; for our time
of the Lord: wee cannot have it when
we would, but when the Lord pleaseth.

August 23 at 8 a clock at night.

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I
will hear and deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify

Lord, humble our haughty and proud hearts
that they be not led away with this world,
we are apt to follow the steps of Satan,

the steps of God.

First, hee prepareth our hearts that they may be capable of faith, and then he worketh faith in them.

Lord, purge our rusty hearts, that they may be clean, that we may become pure Virgins of the Lord; for if thou doe not purge them, they will be like rusty iron that lyeth long.

My Christ will tread Satan under foot, which is about like a roaring lion, hunting to destroy my poor soul, but hee can go no further than my God giveth him leave, he hath a malice to my poor soul.

Those that belong to God, Satan is alwayes in perplexing and troubling them, but God doth but let him step in to make them all the closer unto God; if Satan get but one step in, and get in his head, he will strive to get in his whole body; the least opportunity he can get, he will seek it, and will not lose it.

Let us cast off the rags of sin, and put on the robes of righteousness, and then we shall obtaine Jesus Christ.

Let us suck sweetnesse from Jesus Christ, as the Bee sucketh Honey from the flow-
er.

psal. 51. 7.

Luk. 11. 21

1 John 16.
phil. 3. 9,
10, 12.

August

August 30.

Let us draw comfort from Jesus Christ,
the childe milk from the mothers breast;
harder we draw, the more we shall get.

Take heed you slight not Gods mercies,
if you slight his mercies, it is just with God
to slight you.

August 31. at 10 a clock in the
morning.

Ezek. 36. Lord, cast out our stony hearts, and make
66. them new, that we may be new creatures.

Lord, purge the dross out of our hearts,
purifie them.

Let us stand at the gate of righteousness,
wait untill Jesus Christ see time to open
the door of faith.

Lord, rebuke that crooked Serpent, that
would destroy my poor soul, but my Father
will not suffer him; he hath a malice to my
poor soul, but God will but let him step
and get a look in, but it is to make me
closer to Jesus Christ.

Let us fear the Lord, that we may live in
fear, and dye in his favour.

Psa. 78. 60. Let us take heed that wee slight not Gods
mercies, lest he turn his back off us; if

Her Speeches.

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not fear him and serve him, he will flye a- Jer. 5. 24,
way from us, and then when wee come unto 25.
again, when he calleth us not, he will say Isa. 1. 12,
us, *Goye cursed, into hell-fire for ever;* and to 15.
not accept of us, but cast us off.

September the 1.

Many there be that cannot attain to the Isa. 29. 24,
sight of Gods Word, but if they labour for & 32. 4.
he will give it them.

The Word of God is but a dead letter, 2 Cor. 3. 6.
without his Spirit be with it.

*September 2. at 4 a clock in the
afternoon.*

*The snare is broken, and I am escaped, even as
Bird from the Fowl-catcher.*

God will not make the Cup so bitter, but Isa. 27. 8, 9
will mix it with comfort, hee will mix it
with sugar, he will mix it with comfort, as
well as with discomfort.

September 3.

Prepare against the Grave open, and the Deut. 32.
trumpet sound, that wee may be in hopes to 29.
obtain a joyfull Resurrection. 1 Cor. 15.
17, 19, 1
with 8.

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September

September the 4th.

Let us labour to beleieve in God, and
in him; for he afflicts us to make us sick

Micah 6.9.

Heb. 12.10

11.

Job 5.19.

Psal. 119.

71.

ser unto him; hee whips us with one rod
that will not do, hee takes a second; and
that will not do, hee takes a third; and if
will not do, hee takes the fourth, that he may
bring our hearts home to him, and that
might say, *It is good for us that we have been*
afflicted.

Prepare, prepare against the mouth of
Grave open, and the Trumper sound, that
wee may bee in hopes to obtain a joyfull
surrection.

September the 5. at 2 a clock in the
afternoon.

Let us labour for faith; the greatest faith
the greatest joy.

Let us labour to beleieve in Jesus Christ
faith, no Christ; no faith, no Christ.

Rom. 15.13

Eph. 3.17.

Isa. 26.4.

Phil. 3.8.

Col. 3.2,3.

Let us labour to trust in Jesus Christ
things are fading and transitory in respect
Christ. *All things are but drosse and dunghill*
comparison of Christ. Set your affections on things
above, and not on things of the earth: for we are
dead, and our lives are hid with Christ in God.

Let us labour to trust in Jesus Christ; if all things in the world fail, he will never fail. Heb. 13. 8.

Lord, establish, establish our hearts upon thee, and let us pray for faith and grace, and all other good things, and make us thankful to thee for ever and ever. 1 Pet. 5. 10.

Lord, give us faith to build upon thee.

Lord, give us faith to build upon thee, for without faith wee can do nothing: no faith,

no Christ, no Christ, no Salvation.

Let us flye, let us flye unto the Throne of Grace, as a Bird doth into the air, hoping that we shall shine before the face of the Lord, as a star in the firmament. Heb. 4. 16. Dan. 12. 3.

Lord, cast down Satan that Serpent, and tread him under foot, that seeks to devour my soule, but he cannot; hee hath a malice to my poore soule, but chain him up Lord; for hee is alwayes troubling and perplexing the Servants of God; but those that hee hath overcome, hee lets them alone, untill hee cast them into hell, where they shall lye howling for ever and ever, where there is no end.

Lord, cast down Satan that Serpent, and tread him under foot, that seeks to devour my soule, but he cannot; hee hath a malice to my poore soule, but chain him up Lord; for hee is alwayes troubling and perplexing the Servants of God; but those that hee hath overcome, hee lets them alone, untill hee cast them into hell, where they shall lye howling for ever and ever, where there is no end. Rev. 12. 10. Luk. 10. 18.

Lord, cast down Satan that Serpent, and tread him under foot, that seeks to devour my soule, but he cannot; hee hath a malice to my poore soule, but chain him up Lord; for hee is alwayes troubling and perplexing the Servants of God; but those that hee hath overcome, hee lets them alone, untill hee cast them into hell, where they shall lye howling for ever and ever, where there is no end. Luk. 11. 21.

Lord, cast down Satan that Serpent, and tread him under foot, that seeks to devour my soule, but he cannot; hee hath a malice to my poore soule, but chain him up Lord; for hee is alwayes troubling and perplexing the Servants of God; but those that hee hath overcome, hee lets them alone, untill hee cast them into hell, where they shall lye howling for ever and ever, where there is no end.

Lord, establish our hearts upon thee, and give us grace to pray for faith, and all other good gifts, and make us truly thankful to thee as a Christian ought to be. Zach. 12. 10.

September 6. at 4 a clock in the afternoon.

Lord, purge our hearts that are stubborn and rebellious against thee.

Lord, purifie our hearts, as the Honey from the drosse.

Again the same day at 6 a clock.

My Christ is come again, and he will never forsake me : I will stick close to him, and he will never flye back from me.

Luke 1.74

1 Theff. 1.
10.

Let us stick close unto the Lord, and trust in him, and he will save us from all danger in this world ; for with him in the World to come there is no danger.

September the 7^h.

2Pet. 3.18.

Lord, grant that as wee grow in dayes and years, we may grow in grace and holinesse.

September the 8th.

This day a Physician came to visite her, being sent for by her Parents ; they desiring to use what means could bee procured for her : and it pleased God (whilest the Physician was there with her) to shut up her mouth,

her teeth being set in her head, so as they could not open them; her upper teeth were drawn somewhat over her nether teeth; and so they continued (save onely that the workings of the Convulsions opened them sometimes, and drew her tongue out of her mouth, May, so they continued) untill the seventh of December following; all which time she lived with the least quantity of food that could be; for they put milk into her lips, and how any should go into her stomach wee know not, except some of it passed at each side of her mouth, where one tooth was wanting, and yet in this time she grew very fat, and her flesh very firm and solid, and she did look very fair and fresh.

Whereas you might rather apprehend that shee was a lean, dried, and withered Anatomy; and yet we conceiv'd, she did take down something, though before the setting of her teeth, wee could not perceive that shee took any thing down, but spurted it out presently; onely by the effects wee gathered that shee did receive some nourishment, because shee had the benefit of nature; but her stools were such as all that beheld them admired: they are round, of the quantity of a Nutmeg, very hard and like a peece of earth rolled in lime, and they have no smell.

Yet in this condition when her teeth were

and deter me from this devillish wicked world.
 Lord, wean our hearts from the trash of this world, and give us Christ to be our portion, and he will be an everlasting portion.
 Lord, Lord, work a new ground-work in our hearts; for if thou work it, it will stand; and if thou work it not, it will fall to the ground.

1 Pet. 5. 8,
 9, with
 1 John 5. 4,
 & Eph. 6.
 12.
 Psa. 131. 2.
 Psa. 17. 14.
 Psa. 73. 26.
 Deut. 32. 4.

September the 22th.

Her lips did move long before shee could utter any words, at last she exprest herself, as followeth.

Take heed you do not despise Gods Ordinances, and his Word, which he spake out of his own mouth; for if you despise Gods Ordinances, and his Word, God will despise you, and cast you on his left hand, and say, Go, you cursed, into hell-fire, prepared for you.

Heb. 12. 25.

Let us labour to bee Followers of Jesus Christ, and desie the fiery Darts of the Devill.

Eph. 5. 1.

Let us labour to build our conversation upon the Lord.

Take heed of the Devill, for he is alwayes perplexing and terrifying the servants of God;

2 Cor. 11:
13, 14.

but take heed, for it is more dangerous
he commeth in white, than when he commeth
in black; for hee will but flatter you,
make you beleeve that hee will save you,
shew you fine things; but take heed, hee
but flatter you, and deceive you, that he
cast you into hell.

September the 23d.

This night, and the other nights following
till the 19 of October, she speak con-
stantly about 8 a clock at night.

Lord, build up our hearts upon the
corner-stones, which High corner-stones
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Revel. 1. 5. Lord, pardon all our sins; whether
be Scarlet-sins, or Crimson-sins, or sins of
double-die, or sins of ignorance, or sins of
wilfulnesse; Lord, pardon them, and wash
them away in the blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Isa. 53. 5.

It is our sins that is the cause of the suffer-
ings of that thy Beloved One, thy Son Jesus
Christ.

Joh. 6. 44.

No man can come to Christ, except the Father
draw him.

Phil. 3. 20:
with v. 14.

Let us struggle and strive to have our con-
versation in Heaven, and let us presse forward

have our conversatiou there ; for without
have conversation in Heaven, there will
howling and tormenting in hell-fire for e-
ver and ever ; but in Heaven there will be life
everlasting.

Prepare, prepare against the day of Death ;
for when the day of Death commeth, then
after commeth the day of Judgement, and
then commeth death to the wicked, and life
to the righteous.

Take heed that Satan that roaring lion do
not reign in your hearts ; for it is more dan-
gerous when he cometh in white like an An-
gel of Light, than when he commeth in black
like a Blackmore.

Lord, purge and purifie our drossie, igno-
rant, and corrupt hearts, that wee may be fol-
lowers of thee ; and wash us, and cleanse
us in the blood of thy Beloved One, thy Son
Jesus Christ,

Take heed that Satan get not power over
your souls ; for if he get in his h a l, he will
strive to get in his whole body.

Then shee laughed, and closed her Armes,
and said,

Joy, joy, joy, everlasting joy.

September the 24th.

Lord, take away these stony, thorny, and
cor-

Heb. 9. 27.
Math. 25.
46.

2 Cor. 11.
14.

1 Pet. 5. 8, 9

Zach. 13. 9 corruptible hearts, and purge them, purify
and refine them, even as silver and gold is
finer.

Let the Word of God be written in
hearts in letters of Gold.

Jer. 4. 3. Take heed you sow not good seed
Luke 8. 7. thorny ground, for the thornes will spring
up and choke it.

Rom. 16. 20 My Christ will tread Satan under foot,
hath promised to do it, and he will fulfill his
promise, he will do it, he will not fail, he
to be trusted.

One glimpse of Christ is worth all the
world.

1 John 5. 18. Lord, pull back Satan, *that roaring lion, that*
goeth about to devour my poor soul, but he can
not, but he cannot touch it.

1 Pet. 5. 10. Lord, establish our hearts upon thee, and fix
them steadfast upon thee, and fix them upon
thee, and change our hearts, and make them
new vessels.

Lord, wash us, and cleanse us in the blood of
thy Beloved One, and make us without spot
and blemish, even as thy spotlesse Lamb.

Eph. 5. 27. My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that
1 Pet. 1. 19. king, roaring Lion, which goeth about to de
stroy my poor soul, but he cannot enter in, my
Christ is stronger than he, he is an help to my
soul in the time of trouble, in the time of ex
tremity.

Psal. 46. 1. tremity.

When a poor soul is going a Journey to
Heaven, then Satan is alwayes in troubling
him; for he thinketh, if he cannot get power
then he can never get power; then he is busiest,
he sheweth his strength, he putteth out all his
strength.

Abstain, abstain from all vices in this world
that are so strong in us, as drunkenness, lascivious-
ness, blasphemy, and drawing into evill
company, and all other vices, lying and thee-
wing; for If wee anger God, it will be just
with God to pour his wrath down upon us.

September 25.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I
have gathered you together, as a Hen gathereth
her Chickens under her wings? but thou wouldest
not. Thy destruction is of thy self.

Let us wean our hearts from this world;
for if it once get into us, it is hard to get out
again; wee toil and moil for our bodies, but
which of us taketh that pains for our souls?
we are sooner filled with the trash of this
world, than with our God; we are apt to seek
into this world, but which of us looks into our
hearts, and examines our hearts, whether they
be for God or not, and whether we follow the
commands of God? if we do not follow his
commands, he will not hear us. The heart of
man is false and hollow; a hollow hearted
man will shine on the out-side, but he is rotten
within,

2 Tim. 2.

22.

2 Pet. 2. 11

Matth. 23.

37.

Wof. 13. 9.

Rom. 12. 2.

Psal. 4. 5.

Mat. 6. 19.

prov. 28. 9.

Matth. 23.

25, 27, 28.

1 Kings 8. within, hee sheweth it so to this world, we know
39. God knoweth the heart of man. they

Col. 3. 9, Seeing we have put off the old man, who the
10. deeds, let us put on the new man, which is
newed with knowledge. there is a

Mat 9. 17. Take heed you put not new wine into old
tles, lest the bottles breake, and scatter the wine. can

Jam. 1. 23, Let us labour to lay hold upon Christ, On h
24, 25. stick close to him, and follow his Comman
ments, and not bee like the man that look
face in a Glasse, and presently forgetteib
manner of man he was. he

Let us labour for Christ, and get faith; all loc
Eph. 2. 8. greater faith, the greater joy: faith is a gift. grow
Phil. 3. 8. win Christ by; Christ will not be won with
out faith. In th
mine.

Many there be that will not belceve there
a God, but it is the littleneffe of their faith
the weaknesse of faith: they are fools and do
not understand, that think so; for the fool
said in his heart, There is no God. She

Mat. 24. 24. There are many that say, they have Christ. fr

1 Tim. 2. 5 and they are Christ, but there is no more
Christs but one. Many there be that say, the

1 Cor. 4. 10. they have Christ, and they Christ, but they
do but make a shew to the world, and flatter

Gal. 5. 24. the world; when God knows, they know not
what Christ is. They make a shew to the
world, and say, Christ is within them, and
Christ is within them, when alasfe they do
not

know what he is ; they flatter the world, 2 Pet. 1. 9.
 they think to flatter God too ; but alas, and 2. 20.
 the day of Judgement, the day of Judge-
 ments, alas, alas, they are blind, and cannot see,
 there is a mist before their eyes ; they run, but 1 Pet. 2. 7, 8
 they cannot tell whither ; they stumble, there
 a stumbling-block before their eyes.

Oh how happy a thing it is, and joyfull for
 us, when a poor Christian is embraced in
 those two armes of love, that beloved One, Joh. 17. 24.
 that beloved One ! those whom he hath cho-
 sen, he will take them for his own for ever, he
 will lock them in his Cabinet from all sin and
 sorrow, and from the Devils assaults.

*In the day when I make up my jewels, they shall
 mine, saith the Lord.* Mal. 3. 17.

She concluded with much rejoycing, but
 exprest no words.

September 26.

*I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Hus-
 band-man : every branch that bringeth not forth* John 15.
fruit in me, shall be hewen down, and cast 1, 2.
into the fire.

Those that I do not chastise, they are not
 my children, but bastards, saith the Lord. Heb. 12. 8.

Lord, pull back Satan, that roaring Lion,
 which would devour my poor soul ; but he
 cannot, but hee cannot, my God will not
 suffer him.

Obey the Commandements of God, and Deut. 6. 3.
 do

Exod. 20. 7 do not dishonour him, but honour him.
 Rom. 2. 11. do not abuse his Titles, Words, or Works.
 & 12, & 13. labour to make a right use of them; it is
 that we must be overthrown, or accepted.

Take heed you live not in a known sin,
 if you live in a known sin, it is a double
 and if in a double sin, God will double
 Judgements; God will denounce against
 the greatest Judgment amongst the Catalog
 if you dishonour God, he will make you
 for it.

Luke 12.
 47, 48.

Take heed of Satan, that cunning Serpent
 beware of him, beware of him; for he is
 wayes drawing and flattering us unto him
 and when he hath got us unto him, hell
 will be our end.

Joel 3. 16.
 margin.

Eph. 5. 6.

Let us labour to forsake sin, and cleave
 to Jesus Christ, and let him be our safeguard
 if you give way to little sins, it will bring
 greater sins; For which things sake, the wrath
 God commeth upon the children of disobedience
 if you give way to little sins, it will bring
 greater sins, and then the greater will be your
 Judgement.

Lord, sanctifie it unto us, that it may be
 an impression in our hearts; and work it in
 that it may take a deep impression in our
 hearts.

Let us labour to bee partakers with that
 phil. 2. 8. Beloved One, that suffered death upon the
 Cross.

to save us from hell torments: had not
 suffered death upon the Crosse for our sins,
 had been howling in hell this day; have
 not cause to love him? have wee not cause
 to love him, that suffered death upon the
 crosse, that cruell death by the Jewes? if wee
 could suffer never so much, wee could never
 suffer so much for him, as he did for us; Oh
 how wee not cause to love him? let us lay
 down our lives for his sake that laid downe
 his life for us. What miserable creatures are
 we, so that our souls be but saved, wee never
 think of Christs sufferings for us; we alwayes
 forget that, but we must remember it, at the
 day of Judgement the Lord will call us to an
 account for all these things.

*In the day when I make up my jewels, they shall
 mine, saith the Lord Jehovah.* Mal. 3. 17.

September 27.
 Lord, as thou hast fed our bodies with tem-
 perall food, so feed our souls with spiritual
 food.

Lord, work thy Word with faith in our
 hearts; unlesse it be written with thy Spirit,
 it is but a dead letter.

*In the beginning was the word, and the word
 was with God, and all things were made by him.* Joh. 1. 1, 3.

Beware of Satan, that Serpent that goeth
 about, and stands in corners to watch to van-
 tish my soul, but he cannot, but hee cannot
 touch

Joh. 5. 18. touch it, he cannot enter in, labour to have
foundation of life; that he may not touch
which foundation is an everlasting founda-
on, it will stand, it will never fail.

1 Cor. 1. 27. Let us labour for Christ; for the stronger
wee are in Christ, the weaker wee are in
world; the stronger we are in this world,
weaker we are in Christ.

Eph. 2. 20. Let us labour to build our conversation
upon the three-corner stones, which is
Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Isa. 26. 3. Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord Jehovah
for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Lord, satisfie our unsatisfied hearts; for if
man had all the world, hee hath not enough
but he hankers, and hungers, and thirsts more
after the things of the world; but when

Ps. 73. 25. have Christ, Oh what can wee desire more?

Phil. 3. 8. what would we have more? Oh! what can

Col. 3. 11. Christians heart desire more than that
ed One, that Jesus Christ? labour to have
foundation built upon that Holy One, the
Holy One.

September 29:

Col. 3. 9, 10. Take heed you lye not one to another, seeing
have put off the old man with his deeds, and
put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge
after the Image of him that created him.

B. e wise in all your doings, and be ye
sen, bee ye present before the eyes of
Lord.

Ps. 2. 10.

Oh fear the Lord, Oh fear the Lord
though you fear not men.

that you serve the Lord above, with
trembling and with fear: see that with reve- Verse 11.
rence you joyee in him in like manner: Oh Meeter.
fear the Lord, that we may live in his
favour, and dye in his favour.

Oh that we had hearts to observe the Com-
mandements of God: if we had but hearts to
serve his Commandements, we should never Deut. 5.9.
be upon our own souls destruction as we do.

Labour to spend your time well in this
world of abomination and sin; for it is but for
a little moment: and labour to repent before
the day of Death, (for after the day of Death I Cor. 7.
there is no repentance) lest you run head-long 29, 30, 31.
into hell fire to your own destruction for ever Luke 13. 3:
and ever.

Beware of Satan, that Serpent, and give not
any to his assaults, but despise them, and flye
from them.

Let us labour for Christ, and let us hunger
and thirst after him; for one glimpse of Christ Cant. 5. 10
is better than a 1000 worlds; for one glimpse
of Christ will ravish a poor Christians heart;
when a Christian is drooping and thinking
that God hath forsaken him, then God out of
his favour sheweth him one glimpse, and then Hosea 6. 3.
draweth back again, and sheweth him but by
glimpses and glimpses, to make him sick clo-

fer unto him, even as a star that lightens and darkens, and lightens and darkens, to make light shine brighter.

She spake no more untill the sixth of October.

Come, my people, enter into my Tabernacle. Having spoken these words, she fell into an extraordinary fit of laughing and merrily ring heartily, six or seven several times, as she used to doe in her best health, when she was over-joyed with any thing, and soon after fell into a mourning, and (as it were) wept on her breast, and then she spake the words following.

Beware of Satan, that Serpent, lest he creep in and in, like a snail, and if he get hold of you, he will not be got out, unlesse Christ pull him off.

1 Joh. 2, 3.

15.

Let us labour to follow the Commandments and Rules of our Heavenly Father. O that we could but observe, and follow them, that we should never have our hearts tyed to the world of abomination, and sin, as we have.

John 7. 37.

Come, all you that are thirsty, and drink of the water of life freely, and you shall never thirst again, saith the Lord.

Ecc. 9. 10.

and 11. 3.

Let us labour to repent of all our sins before the day of Death; for after death there is no repentance: *As life leaveth us, so judgement findeth us.*

Let us labour to have our hearts tyed to that Luk. 5. 4. So

loved One, if we could but have our hearts
tyed unto him, we should never run astray like
tober as we do.

For she rejoyced, and laughed very high, and
she said,

My Christ, my Christ, shineth before mee; 1 Pet. 1. 8.

have we not cause to rejoyce in him, that
shineth so gloriously before us in white robes?

trust in him; Oh, trust in him: Oh that
glorious light, the Son of my sweet Father.

Oh, let us labour to get faith, and let us never
be without faith, that we may rejoyce in him

ever and ever.

Lord, pull back Satan, that subtile Serpent,

and chain him up Lord, and let him get no

power over my poor soul, he alwayes malices,

and troubleth, and perplexeth the Childe of

God, but he can get no power over me; I do Eph. 5. 16.

believe hee cannot: I trust in thee, I trust in

thee, for thou hast promised that thou wilt Isa. 41. 10.

help me in time of trouble, and in time of ex-

tricity; thou dost but suffer him to look in,

and look in, to make me stick closer unto thee,

and to detain me from this vaine, wicked, tran-

sitory world, and from his assaults.

Lord, wash us, and cleanse us in the blood Rev. 7. 14.

thy onely-begotten Son, that we may be- Rev. 12. 4.

come pure Virgins of thine. Psal. 139.

Lord, help us to examine our hearts, and 23, 24.

look into them, and search them to the bottom, and seek to the bottom to see if there be no drosse left in them; neither drosse, nor filth remain in them.

Rom. 12.

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1 Cor. 8. 2.

Phil. 2. 3.

Let us not think too well of our selves; when a man thinketh he is in the highest condition, then he is in the lowest; and when a poor doubting Christian thinketh he is in the lowest condition, he is in the highest.

Lord, humble our proud, haughty, ignorant, and rebellious hearts, that are not worthy to taste of the least mercy of thine; Oh let us be thankful for the least mercy that the Lord hath poured down upon us, and you shall see that he will pour down greater.

Then she laughed very much, and clasped her arms severall times and said:

Phil. 1. 28.

Ha. 1. 18,

19.

Oh, let us hunger and thirst after that Holy One; let us never be affrighted with Satans temptations; Though your sins be as Scarlet, they shall be as white as Wooll; and though they be like Crimson, they shall be like Snow: if you confess and obey, you shall eat the good things of the Land: but if you be stubborn and rebellious, you shall be devoured with the Sword, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

October the 8th.

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking, roaring Lion, that goeth about to destroy my poor soul; hee watcheth and waiteth for every opportu-

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My Christ will tread him under foot, that he can get no power of my poor soul.

There be many that say, Lo, here is Christ, and lo, there is Christ, but there is no more crucified Christs, but one alone.

Oh, let us rejoyce. Oh, let us sing and rejoyce; for the snare is broken, and wee are escaped as a Bird from the Fowler.

Wee are poor dry bones, Lord, breath a spirit of life into us, that wee may become lively Saints of thine: for if thou breathest the Spirit of life upon us, wee are but like dry bones that moulder away.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins, whether they be sins of Omission or Commission, or sins of ignorance, or sins of knowledge, or sins of weaknesse, or sins of wilfulness; or what sort of sins soever they be; Lord, wash us and cleanse us in the blood of thy Beloved One, thy Son Jesus Christ; there is not one day that goeth over our heads, but we sin every day more and more.

Wee poor nothing Creatures, that are not worthy to taste of the least mercy of thine; if thou hadst not been a mercifull and a pittifull God, we had been all howling in hell-fire this day; but thou shewedst pity, and compassion upon us, or else wee had all been cast into that endless pit; but thou gavest us

thy Beloved Son to redcem us out of the endlesse pit of torment.

Let us draw comfort from Jesus Christ, even as the Bee sucks honey from the Flower, if the Bee finde sweetnesse in one Flower, *1 Pet. 2. 3, 4* will not flye away to another; even so, if we could finde sweetnesse from Jesus Christ, should not flye away from him as we do; we must labour for it before wee can get for how should the Bee get Honey from a Flower, unlesse it labour and suck for it? how should wee get sweetnesse, and come from Jesus Christ, unlesse we labour for it?

Luke 9. 58 The Birds of the air have nests, and the Foxes have holes, but the Son of man hath not where to put his head.

October 9.

Col. 3. 9. Take heed you lye not one to another, *Isa. 63. 8.* the Lord saith, They are my children, such will not lye.

Take heed you despise not Gods Ordinances, nor his Instruments that hee hath sent to preach his Word. God will but let you go on with your own delusions for a time, but there will come a day of Judgement to try whether you bee right or false: hee is the Judge of all Judges, is a true Judge, that will try whether you be right or false.

Eph. 4. 23, These stony hearts of ours Lord renew them with the knowledge and righteousness

Christ thy onely begotten Son, in whom thou
well pleased.

Lord, quicken these thorny, dead, ignorant,
carnall hearts of ours, that are so set upon
world, wherein there is nothing but va-
and vexation of Spirit: for what is a man
If he have all the world and have not
ill? for he is alwayes hungry after more,
how can a round thing fill a three corne-
? so this world cannot fill our hearts, nor
us satisfaction; why should wee be so in
with this world? when we depart, we can-
not take it with us, we must leave it behind us,
we must change either for a better life or a
orse, either for a life of torment, or a life of

Let us labour to forsake sin, and live unto
righteousnesse, that we may have our conver-
sion built upon the Lord substantially: if it
be built on soft ground, it will fall; but if it
be built upon that substantiall rock, it will
stand for ever.

Psa. 49. 17.
Marth. 7.
24. to 27.

October 10.
Lord, renew us with thy Grace, that wee
may be fit to come to the School of Christ, to
earn the lesson of faith.

2 Cor. 5. 17
Heb. 4. 2.

Lord, cast out the old man, that hee may
not take root, that wee may become new li-
vers, and when that old man is cast out, la-
bour to draw neerer and neerer unto Christ.

Rom. 6. 6, 8

2 Pet. 2. 22. Take heed you live not in a known sin, if you live in a known sin, and wallow in sin, so even as a sow doth wallow in the mire, it is dangerous.

Job 34. 32. Lord, Lord, that which I know not, teach me, and I will learn.

Psal. 139. Let us search the secrets of our hearts, there be any weeds scattered amongst them.

Psal. 37. 7. Waite and be patient, whatsoever the Lord

Job 1. 18, 19. pleaseth to lay upon you, as patient Job, in all his afflictions he was patient. When one came

Ver. 21, 22 and told him, that all his Children went to feast at their elder Brothers house, and the house fell upon them, he said, It is the will

Job 2. 9, 10 the Lord, why should not I be contented? The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord; and his wife came to him and bid him curse God and die: then he said

Job 1. 14, 15, 16, 17. Oh thou foolish woman, shall we receive good of the hands of God, and shall we not receive evil?

then there came another to him, and told him that his Goods were all gone and devoured, yet Job was in the same minde that he was before, and said, The Lord giveth, and the Lord

Job 19. 25, 26, 27. keth away, blessed be the name of the Lord: Job was patient in all his afflictions, and was

confirmed that his soul was precious in the sight of the Lord.

Lord, cast down Satan, that Serpent, and chain him up, that he may get no power over my poor soul.

Lord

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, that
in us so blown up with the pride and vanities
of this world; if we did but look into and ex-
amine our hearts, we should not please the flesh
as we do, but whilst we are in the flesh, we
are apt to follow the lusts of the flesh.

Gal. 5. 17.

Oh let us labour for that Holy One, that Ho-
nourable One, that Jewel, that precious Jewel, that
Lionel of our Heavenly Father, that Jewel of
all Jewels.

Mat. 13. 46

Oh what can a Christian heart desire more
than a Christ, than a crucified Christ?

1 Cor. 2. 22

Oh if we can gain but Christ, we have all,
we have all.

Oh that we had but hearts to conceive the
preciousnesse, the sweetnesse, and holinesse of
that Beloved, that Christ.

Oh that we could but have Christ set upon
our hearts aright.

Gal. 4. 19.

Oh let us glorific him in all things, all ho-
nour and glory be given to him, to whom it
belongeth.

October the 11th.

Lord, pull back that subtille Serpent, he is so
subtile, that he is alwayes seeking in corners to
devour my poor soul, but hee cannot; my
Christ is stronger than he: and when he seeth,
that he cannot get power over the Childe of
God, then he goeth away murmuring and re-
viling.

Faint,

1 Cor. 13. *Faith, Hope, and Charity; and the chief of these is charity; Charity is Love, is Love in Christ; Faith is a gift of Christ; and hope is hope to gain Christ.*

Heb. 9. 24. *Oh let us pray for faith, and all other good*
 1 Pet. 2. 5. *graces that are necessary for us, and let us pray earnestly unto Christ, that he may pray for us in Heaven; and if he pray for us, we shall be sure to be heard.*

1 Pet. 5. 7. *Let us cast our care upon the Lord, in all calamities; for hee hath bid us cast our care upon him, and he will care for us.*

October the 12th.

John 7. 37. *Come, all you that are a thirst, and drink freely of the Spring well-water of life, and you shall never thirst again.*

My Christ hath pull'd back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to destroy my poor soul; but if God bid him be gone, he must be gone, my God will pull him off me, I hope; if you watch not to him as well as he watcheth to you, he will flatter & deceive you, as he would have done our Saviour Christ, if hee had had that power; but he had not that power, when he set him upon the Pinnacle of the Temple, and shewed him all the Kingdoms of the World, and the glory thereof, and said, *All this will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.* If we do not look unto his corners, he will get and command power over us, as he thought

Matth. 4. 5,
8, 9.

Verse 6.

thought to have done over our Saviour Christ
when he said unto him, *If thou be the Sonne of
God, cause these stones to be made bread.*

Lord, open the eyes of the blinde, that they
may see clearly into the errours of sin. Isa. 29. 18.

Depend upon the Lord in all your extremi-
ties and calamities, and when his appointed
time is come, he will release you. Heb. 2. 14.

Cast your selves into those arms of love, and
he will be your Saviour. 1 Pet. 2. 2.

October the 14th.

She rejoyced very much, and then had an
exceeding great and long Conflict, and
then she rejoyced again, and said,

My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that lur-
king, *roaring lion*, that goeth about to devour my
poor soul, but he cannot, but he cannot come
neer it, my Christ is stronger than he, my God
doth but let him step in, to make me relye
more upon him. John 1. 29.

Lord, humble these proud, ignorant, & car-
nall hearts of ours, that wee be not led away
with this world, and the vanities in it, & let us
not taste of them; for if we taste of them, they
will enter into us more and more; if we could
but taste of the sweetnesse of Christ, we shal be
tyed unto him more and more, and flye back
from the world & desire him more and more. 1 Pet. 2. 3, 4

Then she had another great rejoycing fit, &
stretched out her armes, and said,

Let

John 15. 5.
6.

Let us stick close to that Holy One, and he will stick close to us; but if we sit loose from him, he will sit loose from us.

Take heed of living in a known sin, for if you live in a known sin, it is dangerous; for if you live in a sin you know you are guilty of, it is dangerous; O look back unto your selves & labour truly to repent, lest your sins be hardened, and God turn his back off you, for if they once be hardened, it is hard to get them off again.

Job 34. 32.

Take heed you live not in known sins, as drunkenness, lasciviousness, blasphemy, and keeping of evill company, and all other vices; labour to repent of them, and say, *Lord, that which I know not, teach thou me, if I have done iniquity, I will do so no more.*

October the 15th.

Let us hunger & thirst after that Holy One, and not follow the vanities of this world, as we do, the vanities of this world of abomination and sin.

Let us labour to forsake sin & this world, and all thing that are therein, and stick close unto Jesus Christ, that holy One, and not be like the Swine that regard acorns more than pearls.

Let us labour to have our conversation built upon the Lord stedfastly: let us labour to have our foundation of life built upon that substantial rock stedfastly, for if it be built upon sandy ground, it will fall; but if it be built upon that stedfast

fast rock, it will stand for ever and ever.
 Lords, pull back Satan, that Serpent, that
 is about to devour my poor soul; but he
 cannot, he cannot, hee cannot enter in, my
 Christ will give him no power.

Let us labour to forsake sin, and live unto
 righteousness, and truly repent of our former
 sins, which we have sinned, which we have com-
 mitted formerly, let us truly repent of them.

Oh let us cry aloud unto the Lord, in the
 time of extremity and calamity, and he hath
 promised that he will give ear unto us.

October the 16th.

Oh let us trust in the Lord, for he is a trusty
 One, he is to be trusted: let us cast both our
 bodies and souls into the hands of that ever-
 living and glorious God, for he hath bid us to
 cast our cares upon him, and he will care for us.

If we should trust a carnall man that hath no
 care of his salvation, but of the trash of this
 world, he is so greedy of it, and hungers and
 thirsts after it, that he thinks that that will
 make him; but the nearer we are to the trash
 of this world, the farther are we off of God:
 if wee could but hunger and thirst after the
 riches of Christ, we should not hunger af-
 ter the riches of this world, as we do.

Oh that wee had but hearts to conceive the
 riches of Christ from the riches of this
 world; for wee think that the riches of this
 world

1 Pet. 2.24

2 Thes. 3.3

1 Pet. 5.7

Psa. 146.3

James 4.4

John 4.14

Pro. 3.13

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Psa. 49.11

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Pro. 1. 32. world will be the making of us; but alas,
 1 Cor. 1. 20. they will be the undoing of us, the wisdom of
 1 Cor. 1. 20. man is foolishnesse, but the wisdom of God is righte-
 1 Cor. 1. 20. ousnesse.

October the 17th.

Lord, Lord, wash us, and cleanse us in the

Rev. 7. 14. purity of thy onely begotten Son, in whom
 & 14. 4. thou art well pleased, that wee may become
 1 Pet. 1. 16 pure Virgins of thine; for without wee beleeve
 Mat. 5. 48. some part holy, as thou art holy, and in some
 Heb. 12. 14 part perfect, as thou art perfect, we can never
 1 Cor. 15. enter into the Kingdom of God, into the
 50. 8. Kingdom of Heaven.

Resist the Devil and he will fly back from you
 he will go away murmuring and repining at
 you: take heed he enter not into your hearts;
 for if he do, he will leave corruption behinde
 John 13. 2. him, even as a snail leaveth slime behinde it:
 so hee leaveth the corruption of sin behinde
 him. The corruption of the Devil will shew
 it self; and the holy righteousness of God will
 shew it self; but there is a great deal of diffe-
 rence: for where the corruption of Satan re-
 maineth, there is nothing but last ivionnesse,
 blasphemy, lying, threatening, and keeping of
 1 Cor. 5. 17. evill company: but where the purity of Christ
 remaineth, there is upright dealing, righteou-
 nesse and true holinesse.

Eph. 5. 18. Lord fill us with thy Spirit; Lord, endue us

Luke 24. with the Spirit of Christ, for where the Spirit
 49. of

Christ remaineth, there can no corrupti-
 enter in.

Oh let us labour for the riches of Christ; for
 a poor man that is never so poor, hath but
 the riches of Christ, he is accepted of God; for
 with the Lord there is no respect of persons.

October the 18th.

Troust in the Lord Jehovah, for in the Lord
Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Let us labour for faith; the greater faith, the
 greater joy; faith is the beginning of wisdom:
 is the first thing that doth belong to a chri-
 stian. Oh if we could but get faith, it would
 carry us above all; it would carry us from the
 lowest earth, to the highest heaven.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that Holy One,
 by whom we live, move, and have our being.

Lord, sanctifie our unsanctified hearts, and
 keep us from dissembling; for if we dissemble
 with man, we shall not dissemble with God: *Psal. 139.*
 there are many false hearts in this world, but
 God knows them; God knows their coming in
 and their going out; though hypocrisie be hid
 from man, it cannot be hid from God: God
 knows our thoughts, words, works, actions: *The*
heart of man is deceitful, but God can find it out.
 God knows every work we do, every word we
 speak, every thought we think, and we must
 answer for them one day: the Lord will call
 unto an account at the day of Judgement, he is

a righteous Judge, he will judge righteously if we deal not uprightly with man; we shall not deal uprightly with God.

Lord, soften these stony, ignorant, hard, and carnal hearts of ours; Lord, mollifie them with thy graces, with all thy gracious gifts, as faith that we may be fit to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Oh let us bee patient, untill the appointed time of the Lord; he waits on us, but we cannot be contented to wait upon him; we could bee contented to be all our lives without afflictions; but if we should not know afflictions we should not know comfort. We should not be so taken and blown up with comfort, that we should not know our selves; if we should not have discomfort mixt with comfort, we should value it so much, that we should value the creature more than the Creator.

October 19. about 4 a clock in the afternoon.

Mat. 7. 24. Let us labour to be Followers of that Beloved One, hee that doth not the Will of his Father which is in Heaven, he is not worthy to be the Lord.

Oh let us put off the rags of sin, and put on the robes of righteousness, that we may be able to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Again, the same day about eight of clock she spake, and she did keep to that hour untill
November 21.

Narrative

Narrow is that way that leadeth unto life, and Matth. 7:
there be that find it, but wide is the way that
leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go
in.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that Love, that Heb. 7. 26.
love, that undefiled One; he is the Door- John 10. 7
keeper, he will lead us from the gates of hell with 3 &
to everlasting life. 9.

Lord, pull down those that have a mind to
pull down thee, and raise up those that have a
mind to raise up thee.

Lord, give us patience to wait upon thy
appointed; wee would bee all our lives
without affliction, but it is for our good; not
for our hurt, but for our good; thou dost not
chastise us for our hurt, but for our good, for
the Lord hath said, they are not my children,
but bastards, whom I do not chastise. Oh why Heb. 12. 10
should not we wait upon him that waiteth al- & vers. 9.
wayes upon us? why should not we be patient?

For we are so naughty, and full of corrupt na-
ture, that we cannot be contented to wait up-
on him till our Glasse be run; he waiteth and
watcheth over us every hour & minute: when
the time appointed cometh, he can raise any of
us up, even as he did the Maid, when he said,
Arise, and be whole, and she arose, and was healed. Mar. 5. 4.
Oh why should not we be contented, for his
power is not shortned, nor his power diminished; Isa. 59. 1.
Therefore why should not we be contented?

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In this world while we are in affliction, we think it is miserable and grievous; but hereafter it will be sweetned; while we are in affliction we think it is miserable and grievous; but the Lord will sweeten it with the cup of mercy; the Patient must taste of a bitter potion before his stomach be cleared.

Matth. 7. 2. Oh let us labour to fear the Lord, that we may live in his fear, and dye in his favour, as we do, so we must look to be done by.

October the 20th.

Eph. 6. 1. Children, obey your parents in all things, knowing that it is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Matth. 26. Oh let us labour to have our wills melted to the will of that ever living & glorious God.

Matth. 11. 25, 26. The secrets of God are hid from man, his wayes are past finding out; but the Lord will reveal them to his children in some part when his time appointed is come.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours and endue us with the gift of Humiliation.

Oh let us labour to return thanks unto the Lord for all his mercies that hee hath poured down upon us; for the way of begetting more is to return thanks unto the Lord, and to reverence unto him; we reverence our earthly fathers, our natural fathers, Oh why should

Heb. 12. 9. we much more reverence our heavenly fathers.

Oh let us labour to forsake this world, all things that are therein; for there is nothing that is desirable.

Oh let us labour to stick close unto that ho-
 me; for when all things in the world fail, Heb. 13. 5.
 he will never fail, hee will stick close to us, & 8.
 When all things in this world decay and mo-
 ve away, he will be an everlasting rock.

Lord, open our blinde eyes, that we may see
 clearly the weaknesse of our selves, and the
 strength of Christ.

Oh let us labour to lead our lives and con-
 siderations well in this life; for as we do, so we
 must look to be done by, if wee sow unto the
 flesh, we shall reap corruption; but if we sow
 unto the Spirit, we shall reap life everlasting.

October the 21th.

Let us labour to repent of all our sins which
 we have lived in formerly, which lieth unre-
 pent of; for after the day of death there is no
 repentance; as life leadeth us, so judgment finds

Gal. 6. 8.

October the 22th.

Oh let us cast our care upon the Lord, for he
 will care for us; he hath promised to be a father
 to the fatherless, and a husband to the widdow.

Psal. 68. 5.

Lord, pull back Satan; that lurking roa-
 tion, that goeth about to devour my poor
 soul; but he cannot, my Christ will tread him
 under foot, that he can get no power over my
 poor soul.

Lord, graft thy Word into our heads, and not
 only into our heads, but into our hearts also.
 We are poor Earth-worms, Lord, breath into

us the breath of life, that we may become living
Saints of thine, and that we may sing *Hallelu-
jahs* with thee in the highest Heavens.

Take heed you lie not one to another, for
you goe in that way, the Devill will take the
occasion to pour in more corruption.

Lord, mollifie these hard hearts of ours with
thy graces, that are so hardened with sin and
corruption. *October the 24th.*

Isa. 29. 18.

Mat. 13. 14

Lord, open the eyes of the blinde, that they
may see clearly the purity that is in Christ,
the corruption that is in themselves; they see
perceive not, they hear and understand not.

Lord, enrich our souls with thy graces, that
we may be instruments to enrich the Kingdom
of Heaven.

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking, roaring
lion, that goeth about to destroy my poor soul,
but he cannot: my Christ will give him no
power: he will not let him touch it. He doeth
what he can to get victory; but he cannot: my
Christ will not let him. The devil maliceth at
Children of God: he is alwayes busiest about
them, and flattering them; he is alwayes think-
ing to make them fear him, & flattering them,
and thinking to overcome them; but they
whom God hath chosen, he will take them for
his own; the poor doubting Christians the de-
vill is alwayes putting fears and doubts into
them; but when he thinks they are in the low

1 Cor. 10.

12.

condition, they are in the highest; and when
man thinketh he is in the highest condition,
he is in the lowest; when a poor doubting
Christian thinketh he falls, he stands; & when
man thinketh he stands, he falls.

I Cor. 10.
12.

Lord, take away these hearts of stone, and re-
new us with hearts of flesh.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours,
that wee may not bee swallowed up with the
vanities of this world; we are apt to be drawn
into the vanities of this world, and to flye back
from Christ. O what disobedient children are
we, that follow not the commands of so lo-
ving a Father: that which he biddeth us to do,
that we do not; and that which he biddeth us
not to do, that we do.

I Tim. 4.
10.

Oh let us labour for faith, for he that is faith-
full until death, he shall enjoy the crown of life.

Rev. 2. 10.

October the 25th.

Come my people, enter into thy chamber, shut the
door upon thee, hide thy self for a little moment,
until the indignation of the Lord be over-past.

IIa. 26. 20.

He that doth not the will of my Father, which is
in heaven, he is not worthy of me, saith the Lord.

Matth. 10.
37, 38.

Take heed you sow not good seed upon
my ground, lest the thorns spring up, and
choke it.

Jer. 4. 30.
Mat. 13. 7.

My Christ hath pulled back Satan, that lur-
king roaring lion, which goeth about to de-
vour my poor soul; he maliceth my poor soul,

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1 Pet. 1. 19.

John 1. 29.

1 Joh. 2. 2.

and thinks to get the victory, but he cannot.

Oh let us labour to bee partakers with the Beloved One, that immaculate lamb of God, that spotlesse lambe that laid down his life to take away the sins of the whole world.

Oh let us labour for faith, that rich grace of our God; Lord, pour it down upon us, that that rich grace of eternity, that is, the grace by which we must either live or dye; without wee have that grace, wee shall never come to God, we shall never come to Christ. Oh let us labour for faith; O let us labour for faith, no Christ; no Christ, no salvation.

Lord, as thou hast fed our bodies with temporall food, so feed our souls with spirituall food, that we may be able instruments to enrich the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mat. 3. 16.

Acts 13. 9.

Rom. 15. 19.

1 Joh. 1. 10.

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Isa. 26.

Isa. 1. 18.

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Lord, endue our spirits with the gift of illumination: for the Spirit of God is an holy Spirit, a meek Spirit, a holy Spirit, a faithful Spirit, it acts powerfully, & breaths where it listeth.

Trust in the Lord Jehovah, for in the Lord Jehovah is our everlasting strength.

Come my people, let us reason together, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wooll; though they be like crimson, they shall be as white as snow; if you consent and obey, you shall eat the good things of the Land; but if you be stubborn and rebellious, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

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October the 26th.
Come, all you that are athirst, and drink freely of the Spring well-water of life, and you shall never thirst again.

John 7.39.
and 4.14.
Rev. 22.17.
2 Pet. 2.25

Oh let us labour to have our hearts tied to that immaculate Lambe, that we do not run away like a lost sheep into this world, as we do; herein there is nothing but vanity and vexation of spirit.

My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that roaring lion, that labours to eclipse my comfort; but he cannot, but he cannot, he can do no power; hee maliceth the good of my soul, but he is never the nearer for that; much as he seeks to discomfort me, so much the more there is one above that comforts me.

2 Cor. 1.5:

The works of God are wonderful, and his wayes finding out; the wisdom of man is foolishness; the wisdom of God is righteousness. Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, that they be not blown up with the vanities of this world; for we are apt to become backsliders from that which is good, and to be followers of that which is evil.

Rom. 11.
33.

Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest, saith the Lord.

Heb. 2.4.
with Heb.
10.38.

In the day when I make up my jewells, they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Math. 11.
28.

Mal. 3.17.

October the 27th.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent.

Revel. 3.

Oh

Pfal. 50.

Luk. 18. 1.

Ec.

Iſa. 62. 6, 7.

Oh let us call upon the Lord in time of trouble, and he hath promised that he will hear us. Oh let us charge the Lord with his promise for he loveth to be charged with his promise of his Children, and he will give more attentive ear unto them; O let us wrestle with him as Jacob did, when he said, *I will not let thee go untill thou blesse me*; he would not have a day all of God.

Gen. 32.

24, 26.

First, he prepareth our hearts, that they may be capable of faith; then he worketh faith in them.

October the 28th.

Matth. 7.

Ask, and you shall have; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door of Righteousness shall be opened unto you.

Matth. 12.

50.

They that do the will of my Father, they are my mother, sister, & brother, saith my Saviour Christ.

Wee poor dry bones that moscer away for want of one drop of the dew of righteousness; we moscer away; we are so deeply drowned in sin, in the corruption of sin, that we cannot our selves attain to the power to enjoy the sweet enjoyment of Eternity.

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to eclipse the spiritual comfort of my poor soul; but he cannot, but he cannot; my Christ hath made a wall, and he cannot enter the wall, he cannot cast it down.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that Love, that Dove, that Undesiled One, that Holy One;

we live, move, and have our being; he is
 All, perfect without imperfection.

Oh let us labour for the sweet enjoyment of
 mirth; where there is comfort without dis-
 comfort, joy without sorrow; & where all tears
 wiped away from our eyes, and bottled up.

Rev. 21. 4.

Oh let us labour to attain to that eternall
 sight of glory; where there is nothing but
 joy and rejoycing, mirth and melody, and sing-
 Hallelujahs with the Lord in the highest
 heavens.

Psal. 56. 8.

2 Cor. 4.
 17.

Children, obey your parents in all things, know-
 ing that it is well pleasing unto the Lord: for the
 will of God commeth upon the children of diso-
 bedience.

Eph. 6. 1:
 with 3, 6.

October the 29.

No man can come to Christ, except the Father
 send him.

John 6.

Lord, endue us with those rich graces of
 thine, as faith, which is the richest of all; we
 are so benumbed with sin, luke-warm, and
 cold, that we cannot apprehend them to
 make a right use of them.

2 Pet. 1. 1,
 & 1 Pet. 1. 7

Oh let us labour for Christ; for when Christ,
 who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also
 appear with him in glory.

We poor, miserable, and wretched creatures
 that have sinned against thee every day more
 and more; if thou hadst not been a pittifull and
 mercifull God, wee had before this been sunk
 into the endlesse pit of torment, but thou hast

Lam. 3. 22.
 Joh. 3. 16.

shewed 17.

shewed pity and compassion upon us, in giving us thy onely begotten Son to redeem us from that endlesse pit of torment.

Mortifie therefore your members which are on the earth, as fornication, adulterie, blasphemy and covetousness, which is Idolatry.

Col. 3. 5.

Gen. 13. 15

Rom. 16.

20.

Luk. 16. 25

Pla. 37. 25.

Mat. 24. 23

My Christ hath cast down Satan, that roaring lion, that thinks to get the upper hand over my poor soul; but I hope, nay I am sure, that there is one above that will defend me from him; he hath promised that he will tread him under foot.

The godly have their torments here, but the wicked shall have their torments for ever hereafter.

Take heed of Satan, for he is very subtil; for there is more danger when he cometh in white, like an Angel of light, than when he cometh in black, like a Blackmore.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that Holy One, for he will never suffer the righteous to be forsaken, nor their seed to beg their bread.

October the 30th.

There be many that say, lo, here is Christ, and lo, there is Christ; but there is no more crucified Christs than one alone.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins which wee have sinned against thee, of what sort soever they be. Lord, wash us and cleanse us in the blood of thy onely begotten One.

what

disobedient Children are we that are so
 as if we were rebellious against thee: Good Lord, pardon
 that we should bee so disobedient to so lo-
 ve a Father, that hath alwayes an eye over
 us, and watcheth over us every day and night,
 continually; that which thou biddest us
 to do, that we do not; and that which thou
 forbiddest us not to do, that we do; but alas,
 the greater is our Iudgement.

October the 13th.

Cast your care upon the Lord, for he careth
 for you, and let not your care be upon the
 world; it will be never the better for you, but
 great deal worse; for *What are we better, if
 we gain the whole world, and lose our own souls,*
 and be cast into hell for ever.

Oh let us labour to be partakers of the im-
 maculate Lambe. Oh what a sweet thing it is
 to be partakers of that immaculate Lamb!

Oh! it would ravish a poor Christians
 soul; Oh let us labour for him; if we lose him,
 we lose all.

Lord, humble these proud & ignorant hearts
 of ours, that they be not puffed up, and blown up
 with the pride of this world; for God knoweth
 there is many of them: but Lord, teach them to
 know themselves, that they may live to please
 thee, and not to live in thy displeasure.

Oh let us knock at the door of righteousness,
 till Christ Jesus that immaculate Lambe of
 God

Isa. 27. 3.
 Psal. 121,
 3, 4.

1 Pet. 5. 7.
 Mat. 6. 27.
 Mark 8. 36

1 Tim 6.
 17, 18, 19.
 James 5. 1.
 to the 15.

God be pleased to open to us the door of

November the 1.

Rom. 6. 14.

Lord, purifie these drossie hearts of ours, we may become pure Virgins of thine, & let them without dross, or sin remaining in them

Acts 4. 24.

to the 30.

2 Thess. 3.

1, 2.

Lord, restrain those that go about to en-rupt those instruments, which thou hast to preach out thy holy Word in thy Congregations: it is requisite that offences should come, but wo be to them by whom they come.

Mat. 11. 12

O let us labour to gain the Kingdom of Heaven, and struggle, and strive for it; for it is not gained with a little a do, but Heaven is won by violence, *and the violent take it by force.*

Lord, enrich these poor fainting souls of ours with thy graces, that we may become able instruments to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven

November the 3.

Lord, endue us with thy rich graces, as faith which is the richest grace of all; but our hearts are so stony, that we cannot apprehend them aright, to make a right use of them; but make them of a fit temper, that we may have our will melted into that will of that everlasting, ever living, and glorious Lord our God, that we may lie at the feet of that immaculate Lamb of thine, untill those two arms of love be pleased to take us up into the Throne of Heaven.

Eph. 6.

Put on the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand against all the wiles of the Devil.

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labour to take notice of that ever-living glorious Lord our good God, and of all his mercies that he hath been pleased to pour upon us; for if we take notice of him, he will take notice of us, both of all our needs and necessities, and necessary things, both temporal and spiritual; for if we sit loose from him, he will sit loose from us.

Mich. 6.3,

4, 5.

Mat. 6.32,

33.

November the 4th:

Oh let us labour to repent of all our sins which we have lived in formerly, and call to remembrance what the Lord hath done for us in distress.

Gen. 35.3.

Psal. 136.

23, 24.

When we were in the hands of our enemies, hee hath preserved us from the hands of our enemies; for if we were as we should be, we should be thankfull every hour of a day; but God knoweth we are far short.

Good Lord, refine us, even as silver and gold are refined, and make us without spot or blemish, even as thy spotless Lamb, and cloath us in the righteousness of him.

Zach. 13.9

November the 5th.

He that knoweth the will of his Father that is in Heaven, and doth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes.

Luk. 12.47

Lord, renew these stony hearts of ours, and give us hearts of flesh.

Lord, open our blind eyes, that we may see clearly the error of sin, and the purity that is in Christ, and the corruption that is in our members.

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We poor, miserable, and wretched creatures,
 Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins, which
 we have committed against thee, and wash
 them away in the blood of that thy Beloved
 One, and leave us without spot or stain, remain-
 ing in us.

November the 6th.

The works of God are wonderfull, and his
 wayes past finding out.

Eph. 6. 5. Servants, obey the will and command of
 Masters, which are upon the earth, knowing that
 you have a Master in Heaven.

Oh let us call upon the Lord in the time of
 extremity and calamity; and he hath pro-
 mised to give ear unto us.

November the 8th.

Psal. 50. Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I
 will hear you, and you shall glorifie me.

O Lord, endue us with thy graces, that we
 may be fit to come to the School of Christ, and
 learn the lesson of faith.

Zach. 12. 10. O let us labour for that Beloved One;
 if we have him, we have all; if we want him,
 we want all: he will stand unto us, when we
 will fall down; all things are but dross and
 dung in comparison of him.

O labour to repent of all your sins: but you
 must first lay the ground-work of faith, & then
 truly repent, and return home unto the Lord.

Oh let us cry aloud unto the Lord, in the day of

of necessity, and he hath promised to
send his car unto us.

Put your care upon the Lord, for he careth for

Beloved In the time of extremity and calamity,

When all helpers in the world fail, he will be

our greatest help of all; he must do it or none.

Let us labour to fear the Lord, that we may

live in his fear, and dye in his favour.

Come unto me all ye that are weary, and hea-

vy laden, and I will give you rest. O what a

great promise is this, if we had but hearts

to apprehend it aright! but our hearts are so

corrupt, and so full of corruption, that it can take

no effect; but Lord mollifie them.

November the 9th.

Oh let us call to mind what the Lord hath

done for us, and not be like the naturall man

who looketh his face in the Glasse, and presently

saith what manner of man he was.

Oh let us labour and take pains for that

well beloved One, and labour to stick close

unto him; for if we lose him, we lose all; and if

we gain him, we gain all.

Oh let us labour to set our affections on the

things that are above, and not on the world,

wherein there is nothing but vanity and vex-

ation of spirit.

Let us labour to wait, and be patient until

the appointed time, for his time is the best time

in My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that lur-

king,

Pla. 22. 11.
with 19.
Rom. 1. 28.

Mar. 11. 28

James 1. 29

Phil. 3.

roaring Lion, that goeth about to devour poor soul ; but I hope he hath nothing to do with me, I hope my God will own me for own; he is always malicing and perplexing Children of God, to make their Journey comfortable, and thinketh that if hee get victory then, he shall never get victory.

Come all ye that are athirst, and drink freely of the Spring-well-water of life, and you shall never thirst again.

Lord, Lord, endue us with thy graces, that we may become lively Branches in thy Vineyard ; prune it, dresse it, and water it, and labour to it, that nothing hurt it, nor harm it.

Oh let us labour for faith ; for they that are faithful until death, shall receive a crown of life.

Lord, satisfie these unsatisfied hearts of ours ; for if a man hath all the world, hee thinketh that he hath not enough ; but when hee hath Christ, then he is fully satisfied. Ah, what can a Christian heart desire more than a crucified Christ, than a naked Christ? what can a Christian heart desire more? he is the Jewell of Jewells, he is the upright One.

Labour to deal faithfully in all things ; as you do, so you must look to be done by you ; you sow to the flesh, you shall reap corruption ; but if you sow to the spirit, you shall reap everlasting life.

Lord, endue us with thy graces, and

right upon our hearts, but they are so
dummed, luke-warm, and key-cold, that
we cannot apprehend them to make a right use of
them; but Lord, make them of a fit temper.

O let us labour for Christ, that Love, that
pure, that undefiled One, that laid down his
life to pardon the sins of all the Elect.

November the 10th.

Lord, forgive and pardon all our sins, whe-
ther they be sins originall or actuall finnes, of
weaknesse or wilfulnesse; finnes of omission
or commission, sins of ignorance or of know-
ledge, scarlet sins or crimson sins, or sins of
double die, or what sort of sins soever they
be; Lord, wash them and cleanse us in the
blood of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ in whom
of course thou art well pleased.

O let us labour for Christ, that habitation, Psal. 90. 1.
in whom we live, move, and have our being.

Ask, and you shall have, knock, and it shall
be opened to you, and the door that leadeth to
everlasting life shall be opened unto you. Faith
of hope, and Charity, the greatest of these three
is Charity. Charity is love, and the love of
God; Faith is a gift given of Christ; and
hope is a hoping to enjoy Christ.

Now, Lord, of thy merciful promise, let thy
pardon-doubting christian feel some dram of as-
surance to this poor soul: let a poor sinner feel
some dram of the assurance of thy love to his
doubting soul.

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O let us suck sweetnesse from Jesus Christ
 as the Childe sucks milk from the Mothers
 breast; the harder wee draw, the more we
 shall get; the Childe wrangles and wrangles
 till the Mother gives it the pap in the mouth
 and then it's quiet and satisfied: so, and then
 shee stayed a good space, going oft over with
 the word (so) before shee could get any more
 words; at last, she said, so a poor soul feels
 and knows not what it wants, and wrangles
 and wrangles till it get Christ; all the world
 will not satisfie it, but (and then shee lifted
 her self, and struck with her hand upon her
 thighs with much fervour of spirit) when
 gets Christ, then it is satisfied, (and then
 sing the same actions again, said,) when
 gets Christ, then it is abundantly satisfied;
 the world will not satisfie him, but Christ
 give him full satisfaction.

November the 11th.

Psal. 37. 3. Be ye holy, even as Christ is holy. Be
 holy, as I am holy, saith the Lord.

Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord, trust in
 the Lord with all that you have; for he hath pro-
 mised, that he will provide for them that trust
 in him, and keep you from evill.

Lord, renew us with that rich grace of faith
 it will carry us above, it will carry us from
 the lowest earth, to the highest heaven; we
 not in the lowest earth here, we are but in the
 middle

brilliant earth; but faith will carry us from
the lowest earth, to the highest heaven.
The word, teach us to walk in thy paths, & teach
us the way that leadeth to everlasting life.

November the 12th.

No man can come to Christ, unlesse the Father John 6:
will him.

Take heed you lye not one to another; for if Col. 3.
I give way to that sin, the Devill will take
occasion to pour in more eorruption.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that holy One; 1 John 5.
Love him, & want all; and have him, and have 12.

November the 14th.

Take heed you lye not one to another, for the Isa. 63. 8.)

And faith, *They are my Children, such as will
believe, and I will be their Saviour.*

Trust the Lord, trust in the Lord; for he is a
strong Onie, he is to be trusted; trust the Lord
with your self, and all yours, & he will watch
over you for good, and keep you from evil; for
he hath promised, that those that trust in him,
shall be as Mount Zion, which shall never be moved. Psa. 125. 1.

November the 15th.

Hee that knoweth the Will of his Father,
which is in Heaven, and doth it not, shall be
punished with many stripes.

Oh let us not be forgetfull of those mercies Psa. 102: 1,
which the Lord hath been pleased to pour²,
down upon us; but be thankfull for them, and
praise them highly, for if we had a thousand

hearts, and a thousand hearts, we could not be sufficiently thankful: the mercies of God to be esteemed, and highly esteemed of: then many a poor Christian, many a poor creature which would be glad to have those mercies which we dayly and hourly enjoy; they are common that we do not esteem of them: alas, alas, the greater is our judgement.

November the 16th.

Hab. 2. 5. Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, we betake our selves to this vain world, and run head-long into Hell to our own soules destruction.

Let us labour and take pains for that immaculate Lamb of God; for he will never see righteous forsaken, nor their seed beg bread.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that holy Comforter, when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we appear with him in glory.

Isa: 33. 17. Lord, open our blinde eyes, that we may clearly see the purity that is in Christ, and the corruption that is in our selves.

November the 19th.

Lord, purge and purifie these drossie hearts of ours, and refine them, even as silver and gold is refined, that we may become pure Vessels of thine.

O let us labour and take pains to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, where there is no

birth and melody, joy and rejoycing, joy
out sorrow, comfort without discomfort,
all tears are wiped away, and botled up.

November the 20th.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that holy One;
all in all, perfect without imperfection;
him, and have all, want him, and want all,
things are but drosse and dung in compari-
son of him.

Gal. 4. 19.

Rev. 2. 17.

Oh let us labour to have the Name of Christ
right upon our hearts, that it might make
an impression, that it might take effect to
work effectually.

Oh let us labour to have our conversation
upon that substantiall rock stedfastly; for
if be built upon sandy ground, it will fall,
if it be built upon that substantiall rock,
it will stand for ever.

November the 21th.

Trust the Lord, for he is a trusty One, he is
trusted; he hath promised, that those that
in him shall stand as Mount Zion, that shall
not be removed, but abideth for ever.

Oh let us wait and be patient untill the ap-
pointed time of the Lord, for his time is the
time: For he that shall come, will come, and
will not tarry.

Heb. 10. 37

Take heed that you sow not good seed on
any ground, lest the thorns spring up and
take it.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, we be blown up with this world, and the vanities thereof; if we could but feel one drop of the sweetnesse of Christ, we should not go away to the vanities of the world as we do; while we are in the flesh, we are apt to follow the lusts of the flesh; if we could be so sensible of the sweetnesse of Christ, and apprehend aright, we should be taken up so with Christ, and with the sweetnesse of him, that we should not be so carried away with the vanities of the world, but wee should give up our selves to Christ, and make him our habitation.

The same night about 12 a clock.

She had great extremity of pain, and as she conceived, would gladly have spoken, making signes that her heart was in Heaven, (as was thought by those who were present with her) for shee pulled at her breast severall times, and held up her hands as high as shee could reach, looking up with her eyes; and then after a short space, she spake, and said,

Me is not in the hand of mine enemy, but in the hand of my loving Father; he is an ever-living, ever-loving, and glorious Lord God, he is a wise God, & he will not give his child one lash more than he sees good for them.

After this she spake no more untill the day of December, which was the day after the Lord had graciously given her the use of her Senses and of her Understanding:

To close up the Second Part of the Narrative, I shall add this, that some of these Speeches she uttered (though but few of them will stand such Apology) in weaknesse, as a Child under such strange distempers, as did somewhat confuse and perturb her intellectualls; but other things she uttered through the strength of Spirits assistance, extraordinarily guiding her tongue to utter such things, as now she cannot tell that ever she did speak them. There are some things oft repeated; yet because either they are uttered with some variety, and were things that it seems her heart was much carried forth to mention; therefore I have set them down, and hope they will not be tedious, but may raise up further thoughts of them, when you read them over again, and compare them with the Scriptures in the Margin; and if you view the state of the Family, & the condition of some that came occasionally to hear her, you would say, there was a divine hand that guided her tongue, and that God was with her mouth, adapting her speeches to their necessities.

Exod. 12. 4

And I suppose her heart was more affected with some truths before this ill fit, & of those things she makes the most frequent mention: But whilest I am Apologizing for her Repetitions, some may tax me for Omissions; some have said, that she prophesied, and no such passages are here related; to which I answer, there

is no ground for such a report: there is no passage related in one of her Speeches, *Q. 2.* on the 19th (in the end of page 107, & beginning of page 108.) about raising of the Maid, unless they fancy this to be a Prophetick fore-telling of her Recovery, I know not any thing uttered by her, nor could upon enquiry hear of any thing that might give ground for such a report; but the truth is, such Reporters (I hear) do some of them expect to have the gift of Miracles, and it may be of prophesying, & seem to be much taken with Gods dispensations towards this Childe, hoping it would have conducted something to the promoting of the Cause, but are disappointed: for God has opened the mouth of a dumb Childe to confute their follies. It may be they prophesied that she would prophesie, and so have proved themselves to be false Prophets.

My hearts desire and prayer to God shall be, that these speeches may take as deep impression upon the hearts of the Readers, as they did upon her body, who was the Speaker; God was pleased to hold her upon the rack for so many, nay weeks, nay moneths, in which shee endured grievous torturings; and yet to enable her to speak such things, surely so extraordinary. Our Teacher requires more than ordinary attention. When *Jonah*, who had been so close a student in the Whales belly-College, came up, preach

to the *Ninevites*, the strangeness of the
 tion concerning the Preacher, might make
 Sermons take more with them, *shall not* **Exod. 8. 19**
 rise in Judgement against the men of this
 nation? some it may be (with *Pharaohs*
stiff-necked) will acknowledge the finger of
 God in this, when his whole hand is visible:
 if men sleight such dispensations, no won-
 der for if they hear not *Moses and the Prophets*, **Luke 16.**
 neither will they be persuaded, though one rose
 from the dead. God indulged to the *Israelites*,
 (as a thought) to enjoin them Ceremonies of
 God devising, to prevent their use of, or han-
 dling after such as were of mans devising:
 God seems to indulge to the weakness of
 man in such extraordinary actings of his
 Providence (in this Instance, and a few others
 which might be mentioned;) but if the Father
 of the Family take all this care, and yet men
 will not be contented with his established Institu-
 tions, but they are finding out new inventions; **Eccel. 7. 29.**
 God will certainly correct this wantonizing
 humour; It argues, our stomachs are foul and
 greedy, when wee must have new dishes every
 day, and cannot feed upon the standing dishes
 of Gods Ordinances: the *King of Saints* will
 not be thus affronted, but level and discharge **Zach. 14.**
 the Ordinance of his power against those that **16, 17, 18,**
 disclaim the Ordinances of his Grace. But **19.**
 I hope, through the pourings out of the Spirit
 many

many shal be so wise as to observe these things
 2nd to profit by ordinary and extraordinary
 dispensations; and surely, *They shall understand
 the loving kindnesse of the Lord,*

*The third part of the Narrative; containing
 wonderful recovery of this Child of wonders.*

MAny dayes had been set apart in the
 family to seek the face and favour of God
 on the behalf of this afflicted Childe; while
 Duties her Parents, (as Obed-Edom the Am
 were forward to entertain (as at other times
 so) now in this their afflicted condition. They
 have had much experience that God was
 God hearing prayer, and therefore would not
 beaten off from these (now alas, too much
 neglected) means, from which they had such
 much sweetness, having found God sometimes
 marvellously helping of them till they were
 strong in the power of his might, but always help
 ing them with a little help, & bearing up their
 spirits under the tryalls, though they did not
 obtain a full enlargement: and when one of
 the Father of this Childe, that the Room was
 not able to bear so many as came to seek God
 in those duties; he replied, The more, the
 better, so that those who come, can pray and
 beleve.

But yet the Lord in wisdom seemed to

Jer. 14. 9. to be as one astonished, as a mighty man

not save, the Childes distempers of body
 being more violent, shee having most terri-
 ble crying fits, (by reason of her extreame pain,
 such crying fits continued till she vomited
 blood, and then she was quiet) which were very
 grievous and afflictive to the spirits of all that
 heard her; and the whole Family so continu-
 ed under sadnesse, and their sleep so broken,
 as you might have seen *Every one with their* Jer. 32. 6.
hands upon their loines, as a woman in travell,
all faces turned into palenesse. Which dea-
 ths of the Lord with that Family did serve
 to awaken them to a more solemn way of
 living his face, and it was judged, that it was
 the purpose to have his providential dispensa-
 tions in relation to this Child more publick-
 ly taken notice of, that so they might not be
 hid in a corner, but many might behold his
 various goings, & bear witnesse thereof unto
 the world, when he should finish his work up-
 on her: therefore her Parents did write and
 shew to severall Ministers of his Word, (two
 of which have prefixed Epistles to this Narra-
 tive) and a Day was fixed to be set apart for
 humiliation, of which many precious servants
 of God had notice, which was the ninth day
 of *November*: In which Day the Company be-
 gan to meet at Mr. Hatfield's house, and the work
 entered on, but the Child was observed by
 such as did attend her to be somewhat un-
 quiet;

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quiet; the reason whereof they know not, on a thought came in, that if she were brought into the Room where the Company was assembled, that then she might possibly be quieter; wherefore her Maid brought her in her arms, where she continued quietly all the time we were at the duty, not once interrupting us, and the eye did serve to affect the heart, and to help them to wrestle with God more affectionately; this passage is the more wonderfull because (so far as could be rationally judged) she did neither hear or see or know any body, and so wee knew not how shee should understand that there was such a work in hand, unless the Lord should hint it to her, (as he did in many of her Speeches, if not all) and indeed some of her Speeches the night before & night after the Duty was concluded, do import such a thing. See her Speeches *November* the eighth where she quotes that *Psal. 50. 15.* and suitable to that she added after; O let us cry aloud unto the Lord in the time of necessity, & he hath promised to give ear to us; which word do strongly call upon us to cry mightily unto the Lord. There are many other passages that night, which I refer the Reader to, & we took them as messages sent from heaven to quicken our hearts in the duty; there was one passage that night, *viz.* her fourth speech about repentance and faith; whereby she did direct us how

order our Humiliations, as desiring they
 be Evangelicall, not Legall; the fruits Zach. 12.
10.
 Faith, not of slavish fears; she would have us
 on Christ, and then mourn; believe, and
 repent; and when the duty was concluded
 remember the ninth, at her usuall time she ut-
 tered severall passages, wherein we might ob-
 serve God exceedingly ordering of her words,
 the first speech that night, and the fourth, &
 the seventh, and especially the ninth, which
 is an admirable caution given unto us.

Now to return, that which was (in relation
 to the Child) set upon our hearts particularly
 of God, was this, that he would please
 to quiet her spirit, ease her of her pain, so that
 her fears of her dear Relations might not be
 increased with such dolefull cries, nor their hearts
 troubled with those fears and amazements, whereby
 they were much unfitted to act Faith, or do a
 duty to God or man; extream sadness and
 sorrows, oppressing and overwhelming their
 spirits; and in this the Lord was pleased gra-
 tiously to answer the desires of his poor Ser-
 vants through the Intercession of the Lord Je-
 sus Christ, which wee had notice of at our
 next meeting, and did desire to improve it, ta-
 king it as a Pledge that God would doe more
 for us; and own us in our Attendances upon
 him in his own way.

At the end of that Day of Humiliation, a
 Motion

Motion was made, that wee might continue once a moneth (at least) to seek God untill he should be pleased to come with *healing* under his wings. Those that were engaged in the work, living at a great distance from one another, we could not well meet oftener than once a moneth, and with that resolution we parted waiting to see what the Lord would doe for his Servants in that Family, whose condition God did very much assist those who were engaged in that Duty, to bear upon their hearts continually, with much tenderneffe. The time appointed for the next Day of Humiliation was, as I remember, *December 9.* next ensuing.

But the Lord ordered things so, that the Child grew exceeding weak, not being able to speak from the 21 of *November*, any more, (as was before noted,) so that her friends did think that God was comming to finish his work, at her time of warfare here in the body.

Wherefore her Father disparted messengers to the Ministers and Christians to meet & keep the Day of Humiliation on Thursday *December 10.* (a week sooner than we thought of) & accordingly we met on that day, and found her very weak, (so that shee was not brought into the Room, where we performed the Duties of that day) That which (amongst other things, particularly relating to her) was desired of God, was, that God would manifest his power

...abling her to speak again, that so, whilest
still lived, she might be useful and instrumental
to his glory; her Speeches having been very
in the powerfull upon the hearts of many (we hope,
the conversion, at least, conviction of some,
the edification of most that heard
) God was also very earnestly intreated
with many arguments which his Spirit sug-
gested) to raise her up, that he perfecting his
work, might have perfect praise; and his work
might be cleared to the conviction of slander-
ing tongues, and the further comfort and sa-
tisfaction of the hearts of his people; the day
being finished, we departed to our Homes, desir-
ing to submit, and wait the Lords leisure, and
blessed he lived) to continue seeking of him; But
God, God was better to us than we could
think, and when we had scarce faith to believe
that he had (in some measure) set our hearts
to work to ask (upon the ninth of December,
that day which formerly, as I noted, we had a-
sembled together to have sought God for her,
he did perform the duty a week sooner; I say
on that day) we had (as a reall Testimony
of our Fathers thankfulness to God, and reall
needs to us) the joyfull news of her marvel-
lous Recovery transmitted to us, which take
followeth.

Mr.

*Mr. Hatfield his faithfull Relation of the
Work, in recovering Mrs. Martha Hatfield
his Daughter out of her great afflictions, which
was by him sent unto the Ministers, who
sought God for her upon the second of Decem-
ber, 1652.*

MORE Works of Wonder from Heaven
which may teach us, and all that hear
of it, to depend upon the Lord in the duty
Prayer and Fasting. Since the second of Decem-
ber (in which day many sweet Petitions were
put up to the Lord on the behalf of this child)
wee have perceived some Symptomes, that
God was restoring her understanding, as upon
the fifth and sixth dayes of December, she
would have given notice, and signes of recovery,
which she had not given signes of before, since
about Mid-April, and upon the seventh of Decem-
ber betwixt five and six a clock at night, she
pleased God to open her teeth, being shut since
the eighth day of September, (as I noted be-
fore) she yawned, and tryall was made, and she
found her mouth opened, and then she took
food without spilling; after one hours space
she knew her younger Sister, being about five
years of age, who used to lye by her, & be very
fond of her, and would be oftentimes kissing
her; & soon after she knew her Mother, and
joyced to see her with laughing and stroaking
her face, and clasping her arm about her neck.

When her Father came, and asked her, if she
knew him, and after a while (for her eyes were
somewhat dim) she did the like to him,
holding up her hands together, as if she would
ask him to pray for her, and she did the like
to her Mother. And we plainly discovered that
she had restored at that instant the senses of
seeing, Smelling, and Handling; for
when we called her by her name, she had an
attention, whereby we perceived she heard us,
so that she saw us; and there was a pair of
Gloves, and we bad her smell at them, &
put them to her nose severall times, and she
at that time much use of her hands; which
she had not before. And her Mother came to
her again, and said, What hath the Lord done
for thee? art thou not willing to give God all
that he hath given thee, thy Life, Understand-
ing, and all thy Senses, and Heart, and all? and
she manifested her self by signes, that she was
truly willing so to do, by holding up her
hands, and lifting up her eyes with smiling, and
looking at her heart divers times, and then
held up her hand as high as she could reach;
though she would give God her heart, and
soul, and about nine a clock she knew her Sister
Sarah, and her Grand-Mother, the Wife of
George Westby, a Gentleman well known in
North and South, (a very godly Gentle-
man) and she did express the same by laugh-
ing

ing and stroaking their faces, and closing her hands to her Grand-Mother, as if she had her to pray for her.

Then she went to bed, and God gave her reasonable good rest and sleep; the next morning being the 8th of December, she had five sick fits, her body, face, and lips, being much swelled; but when she was better swelling did fall again at an instant, and always she held up her hands and eyes, seeking to praise God, and all the afternoon she played with some odd toys & Spice, which Neighbours had brought her, which she had in the Basket, untill betwixt five and six at night, and then she fell into a stiff fit without any appearance of the Convulsion before, (as it had been formerly with her) and then she spake, as shee used to do in fits, and said,

Hab. 2: Oh let us wait and be patient untill the appointed time of our wise God; for his will is the best time, *And he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry; and the just shall live by Faith; but if any draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in them.*

Rom. 8. 28 Let us labour for Christ, that Holy One whom we live, move, and have our being, he is in all; O trust in him, and believe in him, for all things, trust in him, fear him, and love him, for he hath promised, *All things shall turn*

of them that love him, and delight in him.
 let us labour for faith, for he that is faith-
 unto the death, shall receive a crown of life.
 she spake all these sentences with much fer-
 cy, lifting up her hands, and shaking her
 d; she continued in this stiff fit about a
 quarter of an hour, and then she came to her
 and her Mother being set upon the bed by
 she laughed, and rejoiced, and said,
 Mother, ah Mother, how do you? Ah my
 Child, (said her Mother) how doest thou?
 answered, Me is pretty wel, I praise my God!
 Mother, love God, love him; O get faith,
 faith: her Mother said, so I have need.
 it is observable (though I did not so note it
 ore) that one of the last things she spake of,
 ore God took away her understanding and
 es, was to stir up her Mother to get faith, &
 it would carry her above all difficulties, and
 w she begins with pressing that counsel a-
 in, which her Mother desires to make speci-
 use of, and the Lord help her to do so.
 Her Mother further said to her: Ah Childe,
 ou hast been a Preacher of Righteousness,
 and taught us the way to Heaven. The Child
 swered, have I? have I? me cannot tell, I can
 nothing of my self; it was not me, it was
 a Spirit of God in me, I am nothing but a
 or Earth-worm, and me hath nothing in
 e but what my God giveth me; for me is

nothing but dust and ashes : and she spake this evening after, and answered any Question (that was put to her) very sensibly, and was carried to bed, and hath had a very quiet nights sleep; she said this morning, being the ninth of *December*, she never waked till that time, which was about seven a clock.

The Lord bee praised for his marvellous Works, for they are wonderfull in our eyes.

Thus I have given you a true Relation of things since our meeting before God in your behalf, whereby it is very apparent, that the Lord hath heard and answered the Petition of his people, and that the *Sun of righteousness is risen with healing under his wings.*

Mal. 4. 2.

The glory of the Lord be advanced with much thankfulnesse for all, and of all; more especially of you, who sent out the Doctor that returned at the last with the Olive Branch in her mouth.

The Copy of this Relation I received the ninth of *December*, when the Officers and Members of the Church of Christ in *Sheffield* were meet at a private Conference, and I read over this Relation to them, which caused many tears of joy, and their hearts were mightily ravished with the appearances of God in this business; and as they had prayed for her, so did they then return praise to him.

Upon the 15. day of *December*, I did

at her, at which time did visit her the Lady
 Herbert, as also Colonel *Bright* and his Lady,
 who were much affected with the wonderfull
 works of God, which were so evident up-
 on that Childe: when I came thither, I met
 with the Ministers, with whom I had joyned
 seeking to God for her, though I little
 thought of meeting them there at that time:
 so God mercifullly ordered it, that wee
 might agree upon a day to call the Company
 together, who had joyned in seeking Gods
 will, then to exalt his glorious Name, who
 had wrought such Wonders in that Family,
 and we agreed to keep the 28. day of *Decem-*
ber, as a day of Thanksgiving for what God
 had done; but the Lord knowing our dulness
 and weakness before the day came, did cast
 further mercies, that so wee might bee
 quickened to make his praise more glorious,
 as you will see in the subsequent Relation,
 which I received from Mr. *Hatfield*, whose
 simplicity and conscientious walking is well
 known in the Countrey, and therefore his
 testimony the more worthy credence.

The ninth of *December* the Childe lying in
 a Trundle-bed, at her Mothers bed-feet; her
 Mother (when shee awaked) asked her what
 night she had: she replied, a very good night
 praise God, I never waked till now, which
 was about seven a clock. Her Mother said,

Mattee, God hath done great and wonder-
things for thee, in manifesting so much of
power upon thee, and to us in thee; the
Lord set these things aright upon our hearts.
Then *Mattee* replied with a sigh, O when
the Lord is pleased to do great things for us, he
expects and looks for great things from us;
even as a Husband-man that sowes a great deal
of seed, he looks for a great Crop; if he have
great Seed-time, he looks to reap a great Har-
vest: So the Lord, when he is pleased to do
great things for his people, he expects great
things from them.

Her speech

Then her Mother spake again to her, saying
the Lord hath set thy condition upon the
hearts of his people, and thou art a Child of
Prayer, by which I hope the Lord will have
much glory; for there have been many days
set apart to seek the Lord on thy behalf. Then
she said, O is not that a great mercy? those
days were days of love to my poor soul.
We do not discern mercies to be mercies, we
are so full of corruption and sin, because a
strong man armed had taken possession in our
hearts, but there is a stronger than he that
dispossesse him.

Her speech

Her Mother said, there are many Ministers
who have wrestled with God for thee, both
in publick and in private. She said, I would
be glad to see them, that I may give thanks
that

Her speech

aks for their pains, and love to my soul.
 Her Mother further said, We are comforta-
 encouraged to depend upon the Lord in
 duty of prayer, for we have had apparent
 immediate answers from him.

O, said she, that is a sweet mercy; *The seed*
Jacob shall not seek the face of God in vain.

Her speech
 Isa. 45. 19.

That morning she very freely and chearful-
 expressed her self in any thing which con-
 cerned her spirituall condition; and she was
 free, and her spirit was so enlarged to
 speak, that her Mother dissuaded her from
 speaking so much, for fear of spending her
 whole stock of spirit, shee being but weak, by
 reason of the sore rackings and stretchings of
 her parts with her Convulsions, her sinews were
 drawn all upon knots in the flesh; and at her
 Recovery her flesh was blackish, red and
 white (as they compared it) like Marble; which
 was a strange sight, as (indeed) were all the
 Lords dealings with her. As that she should be
 extraordinary fat when she took so little, as
 she could scarce discern whether she took any
 thing or no: she was lean before her visitation,
 and is so now again since her Recovery.

Oh, no, no, (said she) my spirits can never be
 spent with speaking of my God: if any would
 lead me with speaking of my God, I could
 live upon it.

Her speech

The same day, being the ninth of December,

her Uncle *Hatfield* a Captain in the Army, a
 godly man, came to her, and did ask her if she
 knew him? she said, me have forgotten you,
 but I hope God will give me my memory in re-
 due time, that I may know you; then he asked
 her, how she did? she said, me is pretty well, mo-
 praise God; but within an hour and a half af-
 ter he came to her again, and did ask her if she
 did know him: and after a little time, earnest
 viewing of him, (her eyes being yet weak) she
 said, Oh my Uncle *John*! my good Uncle,
 dear Uncle *John*! then said he, you have been
 long time afflicted, but I hope you have found
 the love of God towards you in this affliction;
 for those whom he doth love, he doth chasten
 them. She said, I hope so; *They are Bastards and*
Sons, whom the Lord correcteth not.

Her speech

Then he asked her, if she had not a dimness
 before her eyes? Yes, said shee, but I hope
 that if God please to lend mee life, hee will
 give me the comforts of life to make my life
 comfortable, and that he will raise me up, and
 give me my senses by little and little; then
 said, You have spoken much of God, and hee
 been an instrument of much good to people
 that came to hear you. She replied, My
 will rejoyce in that; it was not me, it was
 Spirit of God in me; I am but a poor Earth-
 worm, and can do nothing of my self.

Her speech

Then he said, you have spoken very much

There be two Books written of what you did
 if ask; Is there so, said she? I wish they may Her speech
 you at a good end. He did ask her whether she
 remember what she had said? No, said she, Her speech
 have forgot, but I hope God will give me
 memory, that I may tell to others *what God* Psal. 66. 16
has done to my soul; I pray Uncle, pray to God
 if my memory.

Being asked several questions of such things

she had uttered in her stiff fits, she answered
 to the same sense, and in most of the same
 words. It was asked her, whether faith or re-

Quest.

pentance was the first work in conversion? she

answered, You must first lay the ground-work of

Her Ans.

faith, and then repent, and turn home to the

Lord; you are not at home here, you are but

pilgrims and strangers.

It was asked her, what was the Corner-stone

of the spirituall building of the Church? she

Quest.

answered, Christ, but the stone is three-cornered,

Her Ans.

by the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

It was asked her, what was faith, hope, and

Quest.

charity? She said, Faith is a gift of God to be-

lieve in Christ; Hope, is a hoping to enjoy

Her Ans.

Christ; and Charity is the love of Christ.

It was asked, how wee may doe to get the

door of Faith opened? She said, walk in the

Quest.
 Ans.

paths of righteousness.

Here by the way you may note, that the
 spirit of God did sometimes help her to
 think things that shee did not fully under-

stand; she had in one or two of her stiffs uttered these words.

June 10.

Knock at the gate of Righteousness, and God shall open unto you the door of Faith in reference to that speech this Question was asked her, but God had not at that time revealed it to her; I beleeve more of the marrow of the Gospel could scarcely have been uttered in so few words; It's the great question with poor souls; they say, if wee could beleeve, then we might have any thing; but how shall we get faith? here many puzzle themselves, as if God had put them to this for themselves: as a poor man works and gets money, and that will buy him all things, though we must ordinarily get faith in hearing, &c yet not by our hearing; the answer is here, stand and knock at the gate of Righteousness; that Righteousness which justifies

Gal. 2. 16. when we beleeve, doth purchase faith for

2 Pet. 1. 1. that we may beleeve. Pardon this digression

Quest. It was asked her, if the Devill d.d not
Answ. about to destroy her. Yes, said she.

Quest. It was asked, who conquered those temptations? she said, Jesus Christ: the Devil goeth about to destroy us with his temptations; but hope they will not be laid unto our charge, but to the charge of him from whence they came.

Quest. At another time she was asked, why Christ had conquered Satan? she answered, for his names sake, and for my sake.

At another time, I being with her, did ask *Quest.*
whether she thought that God would re-
store her strength by his immediate power (as
had begun) or by the use of means? she an-
swered me very solemnly, I doe believe, that *Answ.*
God will raise me up by his immediate power
without means, *b. e.* Physick.

Then I asked her, if she did not desire that *Quest.*
means might be used? she answered, that she *Answ.*
had oft prest her self to be willing to use means
yet she could not find her heart made wil-

Then I asked, why she desired to be willing *Quest.*
to use means? she answered, because her friends *Answ.*
desired it, and for their satisfaction.

Then I asked her, what ground she had to be- *Quest.*
lieve that God would raise her up by his im- *Answ.*
mediate power? she answered, because God
did not make her willing to use the means,
though she had oft desired it of him; and if he
would have her use means, he would make her
willing: and then she had heard of that provi-
dence, now God shut up her teeth, whilst the
Physician was in the House from the eighth of
September, till December, about three moneths;
and she further said, that she thought that God
would not that the Physician should have any
part of the honor of raising her to health,
but he would have all the glory to himself.

At another time I spake thus to her, Cozen
Mattee,

Maztee, you told me that you did believe he would raise you up by his immediate power; he hath done much for you, but yet you have many reliques of weakness upon you; will you endeavor to act faith upō that power of God? she answered, it is my desire, but I have nothing but what is freely given me of my God.

Quest.

Ans.

One night, when they were undressing of her, one told her, she had no shoes, (for they had given all her clothes and wearing things to some poor children, not expecting her life) & her sister said; there was a Shoo-maker in the town, but he was a Quaker; she asked, what that was? it was answered, he was one that slighted Ministers, and Gods Ordinances: she replied, I would have no Quakers shoes then.

At another time, the same thing being discoursed of, and she giving the same answer, her Sister *Hannah*, (who was very tender of her and had prejudiced her self with her care for her and of her Mother in their weakness) asked her, if she knew, what the Quakers were? she answered, they are such as are above Orders (for then she could not pronounce more words, her speech being gradually restored) her Sister said, what mean you? she answered, I shall make you understand, they are such as slight Gods Ministers, whom he hath sent to preach his Word.

Another hearing of this discourse, did

... she would have no Quakers shoos, did she
 ... there was any errours sewed up in the
 ... of the shoos? she answered, no, but (saith
 ...) they say I am a Quaker, and to convince
 ... that I am not, I will have no dealings
 ... with them.

Many other such passages there were, but I
 ... bear to add more.

It is observable, that in the time of the shut-
 ... up of her teeth (which, as was noted be-
 ... , was from the eighth of *September* to the
 ... of *December*) yet her mouth was never
 ... , which was much feared; and when the
 ... restored her, her mouth being opened,
 ... discovered that it was very well, & (which
 ... makes it more wonderfull) within two or
 ... dayes it began to be very sore.

And further, observe another wonderfull
 ... of Gods dealing with her (as indeed
 ... was ordinary which related to her re-
 ...) namely in her diet; when she began
 ... eat, the strongest meat did best agree with
 ... stomach, and that which was conceived to
 ... of difficultest digestion she most desired, and
 ... did best with her. When her stomach would
 ... digest things of more easie concoction: the
 ... things that she desired, after Recovery, was
 ... or Martimal's Beef, and Red-Herring, and
 ... her stomach wil digest stronger meats than
 ... could have done before her visitation. And
 ... she

shee continued pretty well, and with much chearfulnesse of Spirit, and the Lord was pleased to make her meat and sleep comfortable to her; but shee had no use at all of her legs, but was carried to bed, and from bed untill the 21. of *December*, which day she being in bed, about nine a clock at night, her Father being in the Room, shee told him, shee felt strength come into her legs: he asked her, How? shee said, it trickled down, and came into her thighs, knees, and ancles, like warm water, and so continued a quarter of an hour, and after that working was past, her Sister *Hannah* took her up, and set her upon her feet, and shee stood by her self without holding, which shee had not done for three quarters of a year before, having had no use of strength in her legs, and when she was laid in bed again, shee fell into extremities of hot and cold fits four or five severall times; one while as if shee had been dipped in hot water; and again suddenly, as though shee had been dipped in cold water, and presently after she was very sick and vomitted; and that being over, shee had much pain in all her joynts, and in great extremity from the head to the feet; then at an instant shee said, I praise God, I am now as well as ever I was in my life, I am neither lame nor have any pain.

Then her Mother spake to her, Ah child

thou understandest how suddenly the Lord hath given thee thy limbs, even so suddenly did the Lord give thee thy senses and thy speech, but then thou wast not able to apprehend it.

Oh, said shee, how shall we be ever able in any measure to extoll the Name of the Lord in praises that are due unto him for all his mercies to us? I desire that the Lord would be pleased to perfect my heart, and frame it as he will be pleased to accept of it, for I have cause to praise the Lord more than others, seeing the Lord is pleased to take notice of me more than others.

Her Mother said, Childe, is not thy minde full of the apprehensions of the Lords wonderful dealings with thee? Yes, said she, but I cannot expresse it so largely as I desire to doe; but I hope the Lord will help me: I can doe nothing of my self: but I may say with the Apostle Paul, *I can do any thing through Christ that strengthens me.* Her Speech

Then her Mother said, What are we poor miserable Miscreants, that the Lord should take choise of a Childe of ours to hold forth so much of his power and glory? she answered, *It is not any worthinesse that is in us, but it is the Will of the Lord; the Lord saw it good in his all-seeing Decree, for he had decreed before I was born, that I should be so.* Her Speech

Her Mother said, Oh, my unbelieving heart would

Her speech

would never yield to think that there would be such a glorious end of this affliction. Ah Mother (said she) the Lord hath done above your faith; what cause have we to praise him?

The 22th of *December*, when she rose in the morning, she said, she could goe; but we were afraid to trust her strength, it being so long a time since she had any use of her legges; yet she desired leave to make tryall how she could goe, and shee went up and down the Room beyond all expectation, and the Lord so continued his good hand upon her, and shee encreased in strength dayly, so that upon the 28th of *December*, the time appointed for the Thanksgiving, when we met there, she was able to come forth into the Hall to meet and welcome us; and we did behold a Miracle, was wonderfull in our eyes, so that our hearts did rejoyce with a kinde of trembling at the glory of the Lord, which appeared in the Object, and it did the more affect, because it was more than many (if not most) of us heard of before we came into the House; so that we see God had put still more matter of praise into our mouths: when we came together to the Duty, shee came and joyned with us most part of the day; but the place where we were being very full of people, shee towards the close of the day grew somewhat faint and weary, and so withdrew, but was well presented

would be, and much affected was her heart with the
 Ah goodnes of the Lord; in the morning before
 above we engaged our selves in the duty of that day,
 him he desired that we might sing a Psalm or two
 ose in which shee had made choice of, viz. the 103.
 ut we Psalm; or the 118 Psalm, which of them the
 ng for ministers pleased; and in the close of the day,
 leggs the Assembly were desired to praise God in
 ow the words of David, written in the 118th.
 vrn the Psalm; and some of the Verses of that Psalm
 e Lord which did best suit with the occasion of the
 nd the day, were call'd out, at the six first Verses, and
 on the 13th, verse to the end of the 18th. also the
 for the 23, 24, and the two last verses. In that
 was as we desired to exalt the Lord in our
 et an heart, who had so signally fulfilled divers
 acle, promise; & that in particular, Psal. 118. verse
 r heart which had been often urged formerly; so
 at there her Parents very solicitous, lest they
 in the should not render unto the Lord according to
 cause of his intervallous appearance for them and to
 us heart; therefore was that promise urged, Psal.
 o that 115. *Then shall glorify us;* which (as was
 of praise shew'd to them) is not onely demonstrative
 ether of their duty, but operative to enable them to
 n us more in their duty; and so we parted with our
 e we much joy, and desire that we might her
 ards of the Father & the Lord might to
 int and be the glorious wings of his
 l presence, & his glorious creature.

Since this Day of Thanksgiving the Lord hath in much mercy increased her strength every day; shee did not then goe so strongly since shee hath done: one observable passage there was; she was sitting in a chair, & both she and the chair fell, and she hurt her leg; but not long after shee was observed to goe with more strength and nimbleness than before; and God made that fall a means of her rising up with more strength. And not only are her outward parts (through the goodnes of God) strengthened, but her understanding, memory, and reason of apprehension are much enlarged, beyond what they were before her sickness, which we were much afraid had been destroyed and altogether destroyed in this sad visitation. And as a further addition, to make her mercy yet more compleat, the Lord hath been pleased to work a great change in the frame and temper of her disposition, which formerly (by reason of the prevalency of the Spirit) which she is now wholly freed from, as from all other infirmities which shee had formerly was much inclined to sadness and fretfulness, but now she is of a wondrous meek, quiet, sedate temper, and walks on with much cheerfulness and evenness of spirit; so that we discover much of God in her carriage, and also very diligent in Reading and Prayer, and such other employments as her Mother

to exercise her in, so that she may be a pattern for many, who far exceed her in years: and God doth keep her in a wonderfull humble frame; she is not lifted up with her Receptions, but desirous to walk up to her Mercies; she hath not much ravishing joyes, but God hath made good that promise to her, He hath brought her health and cure, and hath revealed Jer. 33
to her abundance both of peace and truth.

It hath pleased God, since these passages of his Providence, again to try that Family, in removing from them that precious Gentlewoman, Mrs. *Fr. Westby*, Mother to Mrs. *Hatfield*, and Grandmother to this Childe, an ancient Disciple of Christ, who had gained great addition to her stock of Graces, and comforts, by this Childes Afflictions and Restoration: she was full of the joy of the Lord in the beholding of these wonderful workings of God in that Family, and is now translated to Heaven, where shee is praising and for those and many other mercies, in a higher strain than our untuned spirits can reach unto; and when God had brought that affliction upon the Family, this Child perceiving her dear Mother to bee much dejected in that Dispensation, did much labour to comfort her; and amongst other passages this is one. With tears she spake to her Mother; Good Mother, labour to submit to the

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Will of God; O labour to submit; if we do not submit willingly, God can make us to submit.

I shall shut up the *Narrative* with this passage of this Childs dear Father, in the close of his Relation which he sent to me, viz. The power of the Lord, be made known in all his Works, with thankfulness to his glory for ever.
To which I will adde my A M E N.

The Conclusion of the Narrative.

THe Caution, which this sweet Child hinted, (as was before noted) that we should look to a good end in publishing her speech, took such impressiō on my spirit, that (though I was strongly urged to it) I durst not venture upon the presenting of these things to public view, before I had first examined my ends in that undertaking, and could (through the free grace of God, I hope, in some measure) allōve prove my heart to him in that enterprize.

And since I have undertaken it, I am sorry that I could not dispatch it sooner, whilest some impressions were fresh upon the spirits of some Friends; but my many diversions & interruptions in that populous place, wher God hath put my lot, must be my Apology, & I hope the publishing of these things now may serve (through the supply of the Spirit of Christ) to revive those thoughts and resolutions, which I will never be wholly obliterated.

That which I shall onely adde, is the ends
and uses, which I conceive our wise God
might have, and which we and others should
make of such wonderfull Works of his, and
shall refer them to } Either 1. Particularly,
two Heads; they are } that Family.
such as concern } Or 2. Generally, the
Nation.

1. Particularly, that Family: and there,
1. God did fore-see what his intentions
were, as to that Family, in taking to himself
that precious Gentlewoman Mrs. *Westby*, the
Grandmother of this Childe: she was one of
the most affectionate Mothers that I have been
acquainted with; she had two Sons, Mr. *Thomas*
Westby, and Mr. *George Westby*; and two daugh-
ters, Mrs. *Hatfield*, and Mrs. *Spencer*, Wife of
Lieutenant Colonel *Spencer*; and she had much
comfort in them, (as in her Grand-children,
) all of them are grown up, giving good hopes
of Grace wrought in them.)

These were planted neer together, and a-
mongst them she spent her time and strength;
some of them being much visited with bodily
weaknesses, and manifold temptations, in all
which, she was a singular help of their faith &
comforts; I have heard of many dutifull chil-
dren, who have been very serviceable to their
Mothers, but have not heard of a Mother so
officious (shall I say serviceable) to her chil-
dren;

The conclusion.

dren; so that their affections could not but much let out to her; and therefore the part with her would be the more difficult: wherefore I think, God did act these wonders in the Family, to strengthen their Faith, to arm them for such a tryall as this; that they who have seen so much of God, might be taught (in an tryall) more willingly to submit to God: He that raised so great comfort to them out of such an affliction, they might now stay upon that he wold give an abundant supply to them: what ever comforts he should take from them. He did therefore give them those Cordials to carry with them, whē they should be put to sea again, and meet with new storms and tempests, and I wish they may, & hope they will improve those experiences to these ends and uses.

2. That family (whereof this child is a member) hath been much afflicted more than other families, and it hath been a praying family; and many were ready to say, What are they the better for their Fasting & Praying? they are always under affliction: I conceive therefore God hath owned them, that *as their afflictions have abounded, so their comforts much more*: God hath made them eminent in respect of his wonderful workings for them; as they were before, by reason of his afflictions of them; and I hope that when they lay their afflictions & consolation in the Balance, they will experience, that affli

2 Cor. 1.4:

godliness is better than successful wick-
 and that if the sauce had not been so tart,
 their stomachs had not been so quick; and that
 they had not sunk into the waters of afflicti-
 ons, they had never learnt to swim in the Ri-
 vers of true pleasures.

I desire they may yet more & more, and hope
 they do find out many medicinal virtues in the
 great Herbal of the Scriptures, which they had
 never discovered, had they not been exercised
 with new maladies; they would not so have
 learnt to live *the life of faith*, if they had not
 been sometimes under the *sentence of death* in
 their own sense; they would never have so
 powerfully discovered Gods power and faith-
 fulness, if they had not seen manifestly their
 own weakness. Truly, I find the most of God
 in those who are afflicted by God.

2. Generally, to the Inhabitants of this
 Nation, I conceive Gods ends are,

1. To convince them by his Works, who
 will not be won by his Word; the wonderful
 way of manifesting these precious Truths by
 this Childe doth cry aloud to us to practise
 them: God hath raised up a Childe to reprove
 the men of this generation for their oppositi-
 ons *against that holy Child Jesus*, and to exhort
 them to seek more for Christ, who are so much
 in seeking great things for themselves; he
 speaks much of slighting the World to those

Act. 4. 27.

that are so much slighting the Word: & O that this use were made of it; that there were more seeking faith and Christ, and less seeking of creatures; that there were more practice of reall holinesse, and lesse breaking forth in open prophanesesse, and that under the notion of perfection, and that we may not be like, as was said of the Schoolmen, who turned all Religion in *utrum, non in usum*; for, as *Luther* elegantly, God loves *Curristas*, not *Queristas*, practicers, not praters, walkers, not talkers of Religion.

Isa. 2. 2:

Rev. 14. 4.

2. God hath in these glorious actings more eminently and evidently carried on this great Design of Love to confirm the hearts of people, that his presence is with his Ministers, and such sober-hearted Christians, who have not defiled themselves with women: &c. (I conceive with others) with false worships, and to be a witness against those who slight the Institutions and appointments of Jesus Christ, and obtruding upon miserably seduced souls things of their own devising, which never came into his heart to appoint; who instead of following the Lamb where ever he goeth, do follow the Wolf in a Lambs skin where ever he goeth; who slight the written Word, and so strike at the Crown and Scepter of Jesus Christ, The King of Saints. God hath opened the mouth of the dumbe to confute the madnesse of those

oppose his Holy Institutions, and in that
 which so miraculously raised her up at the
 call of his poor Ministers and Servants,
 when some of those above-Ordinances people
 scorned at our Fastings and Prayings, he hath
 evidently owned (shall I say us? alas, who are
 we? we desire to be willing to decrease, so that
 Christ may increase, but he hath owned) his
 Ordinances and Officers, and those despi-
 cing duties of Fasting and Prayer; and Oh that
 they who slight these appointments of Christ,
 should consider those Prophecies, *Isa. 66. 24.*
with 23, and Zeebar. 14. from 16 to 19 verses,
 which I conceive are prophecy calculated for
 Gospel-times, and will (in the Minatory part
 thereof) fall heavy upon the new Gospellers
 of our times, and wo to them against whom
 the sweet-mouthed promises shall spit fire and
 brimstone; the Coals of sweet Juniper, they
 say, are the hottest.

It may bee some (whose principles and
 practices are loose enough) will say, God
 hath owned them in their seekings of him:
 To such I shall onely say this, that as when
 men comply with Antichrist (though indi-
 rectly) God hath opposed their enterprizes,
 though he may love some of their persons: so
 those that oppose Antichrist (though it may
 be indirectly too) yet he may and hath owned
 and prospered their undertakings, and yet be
 angry

angry with their personal errors and mis-
 riages, and it was their happiness that they had
 a good cause, & though he heard prayers they
 were sent up for them as they did his Work
 yet not as they intended their own work.

But O that poor misled souls would hear
 the voice of these providential sayings of God
 in this example, and would now with others
 of Gods people gather together, and appoint
 themselves one head Jesus Christ, owning him
 and his institutions, till they be as clearly abo-
 lished, as they were evidently instituted by his
 unquestionable Authority, that Great might
 the day of Jexreel, even of our English Israhel.

And if this Narrative may have any suc-
 cess effect upon the hearts of my dear Countrey
 in this Nation (for whom I have had sorrow
 my heart) I shall turn my mournings into re-
 joycings, and in the mean time fix my eye and
 heart upon those promises, Acts 15. 17. Hos
 1. 11. and particularly that which I think ex-
 cludes not the Gentiles, great shall be the day
 of Jexreel: Amen, Even so, come Lord Jesus

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Postscript to the Reader.

THe Truth of the particulars related in the
 preceding Narrative, will bee avouched by
 many persons of worth, both for Honesty & Piety
 whereof

hereof; if any doubt, they may enquire at Leigh-
ton in Yorkshire, or in severall other Towns near
joyning; & be fully satisfied in all particulars.
Many Names (by way of Testimoniall) might
have been produced; but this Reference is thought
sufficient.

We hope (Reader) those that are engaged in
his work, dare not commit such impiety, as to
sell the world with a piece of Forgery.

April 18. 1653.

Imprimatur, Joseph Caryl:

Here follows some Additions, which the
Friends of the Child desire should be annex-
ed, which came to our hands since the
Second Impression.

A brief account of Gods dealings with
this Child, since the first Relation
of her Recovery.

Since (possibly) it is expected and desired, and
also maybe serviceable to the promoting of
Gods glorious Name, in his workings for this
Child, that I should declare her state & condition
at this present; I have thought good (being also
drawn to it by the request of friends) briefly
publish the following particulars. That she
hath continued (through the good Hand of
God upon her) in very good health, for the
greatest

greatest part of her time since her Recovery. Only that sad blow in the Removal (by death) of that precious Gentlewoman *Missis Frank Westby*, occasioned much sadness to the sister of this child, and particularly to her dear Mother, with whom she did so sympathize, as occasioned sorrow to seize upon her spirit; and her tender parents did fear she would have been over-whelmed with melancholy, and indeed sometimes her spirits were very low, and yet she enjoys better health than ever, even to this day, and all things conducive thereunto, Appetite, Digestion, Sleep, &c.

When the Printed Book (which contains Relation of her Speeches, &c.) came first to her knowledge and view, she was observed to retire her self for some hours; and one time fell into a great passion of weeping: and the ground of her sadness was (as she declared to her Mother) the consideration of what was there in that Book set forth to be spoken of her; and she feared she was an Hypocrite, and should never be able to walk up to the Truths there laid open, and so shee should be a shame to profession, and open the mouths of wicked men to speak evill: But it pleased the Lord before she left her Chamber (which she had retired) to discover to her that it was temptation of Satan, who had often been busy with her, and that now she would trust God

over
dear that had done so much for her, still to carry on
Francis Work in her, and to hold up her goings in
fitter paths.

When I understood this passage, I did con-
clude that the Devill was a Fool; God, and
he; and had very contrary aimes and ends; for
though Satan might have a finger in this
indeed temptation, yet the Hand of the Lord was
above and beyond him in the thing wherein
he dealt maliciously; he thought to have van-
quished her Faith, and to have made her live
uncomfortably, but God hath turned it to
comfort: hee can extract Cordialls out of Poy-
son, and through the influence of his skill,
make faith do that which they feign the Phi-
losophers Stone would do, turne all to Gold
and touches; hee by it makes golden effects to
ward offe out of earthly, nay, hellish temptations.
That these Occurrences were ordered by our wise
and gracious God to be as a thorn in the
side, to keep this sweet Child from being ex-
alted above measure, by reason of the extra-
ordinary Dispensations of God towards her;
in that her name should now be so much
pleased notice of by the Printing of her Book;
which the Lord hath and doth to this day keep
it within a very humble frame, which we account
an extraordinary high mercy.

Shee doth much prize the Ordinances of
God, and loves much to be in Holy Exerci-
ses,

Luke 19.
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 Ex. p. 14-
 70.

les, and to enjoy Christian communion is great delight: and if any doe speak of thing of God, she is wonderous attentive, as the word notes, doth as a little Bird on the mouth of the Dam, greedily catching what falls from them; and she hath sometimes said to her Mother, that she could not be content to live under dead ordinances, but delighted much in living & powerfull dispensation.

Shee is very diligent, alwayes employed in Reading, Praying, or doing some business for the Family.

Her Friends put her to a Writing-School, and shee hath made a good progresse in the Work; so that shee is (I hope) able to write her minde to her Friends on earth (and to be usefull to them that way) as God hath graciously given her a Spirit of Prayer to express her self to her great Friend in Heaven. I have heard her pray with much affection and fervour (though I perswade my self she did not know of any so neer as to hear her at the time.)

Shee is somewhat slow of speech naturally, but when she doth express her self, her words have much weight and worth, and savour much humility and graciousnesse. Shee hath not much of Tongue-Christianitie, but in practice and carriage in all Duties that shee is known to belong to her, is very Christian; shee

is a very tender Conscience, and afraid of sin
 and will shew dislike of it in others; she is of
 matron-like behaviour, and though shee be
 young in years, yet shee is old in manners,
 whose wisdom, gravity, and seriousness, wee
 hope the Lord wil use as instrumental of much
 good to many; the very sight of her, and espe-
 cially the remembrance of what God hath
 done to and by her, have an heart raising and
 edifying influence, and occasions many good
 discourses, whereby I hope many will be edi-
 fied, and so God have the more glory. These
 things I write in her commendation, I hope
 will caution not to puff her up, &c.

The Childe being questioned about her
 spirituall condition, saith:

Shee blesteth God shee is at present freed *Sept. 30.*
 from temptations, and hath gotten strength *1653.*
 to resist them in the way of seeking to God by
 prayer. Shee hath a hungry and thirsting
 spirit after fulnesse from Christ, it being her
 meat and drink to do the Will of her Father,
 and hath Peace and Joy through the abun-
 dance of hope, continuing in an humble sub-
 missive frame, being sensible of her own
 weaknesse; desiring in the Name of Christ to
 return praises unto her Father; and is some-
 times troubled that she cannot return accord-
 ing to the enlargements of her desires:

To conclude, I see God is still putting on,
 and

and making the spirits of her Friends to go forward that they may obtain yet more advantage by these wondrefull Dispensations and that their Family may bee an example Family. So pregnant a mercy was this, that hath more mercies in the wombe of it, and will I hope be still more fruitful.

Courteous Reader, Thy prayers are earnestly begged by this child's dear parents & friends that they may never live to dishonour such glorious Manifestations of Gods free mercies towards them, but may be enabled to shew forth the works of him who calls them out of darknesse into marvellous light, Light shining thorough precious promises, and wonderfull providences. Gods Word gives light, so do his Works; they thirst, that there may be more lively workings of Gods Spirit in their hearts, and thus they might reap fruits in some measure proportionable to what hath been sown, that he would multiply the seed sown, and increase the fruits of the righteousness, to the praise of his glorious Grace through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some Observations in the fourth year since her Recovery.

THe fourth year is now begun since the Recovery of this sweet Child, and I thought it might be usefull to relate some particulars whereby I might shew forth the continuance of Gods goodness to her, & the rather, because I observe, that such extraordinary providences sometimes have (to say no more) a black Cloud drawn over them, which darken the glory thereof: but (blessed be the God of Mercies) it is not so with her; God doth mercifully continue his good Hand upon her for good, as to her bodily health, and also to her spirituall condition; God keeps her still in a very humble hungering frame of
N spirit;

Ezra 9. 33

spirit, she is constant in secret Duties, has a sweet gift in Prayer, and I hope that Spirit of Prayer is poured forth upon her; and though she hath not much joy, yet the Lord is pleased to give her much Peace; and I observe, that in these times, that is the safest condition, and that such who are kept at shorter commons, and in a conflicting condition, who have not such ravishing joys (as others talk of) are the soberest and soundest in their judgements, and fruitfullest in their practices, and they who talk of high Attainments, have not attained that measure of holiness which these reach to; not but I think the consolations of the Spirit have a proper tendency to advance holiness, but yet I fear the Land-Floud of Comforts makes the streams overflow the Banks, and so the River seems greater than it is: their comforts are rather the issue of their own spirits, than the off-spring of Gods Spirit, and Ships under sail with Top and Top gallant, being not well ballasted, oft suffer shipwrack. If the Trees of Lebanon spread their branches, and grow upward, but do not cast forth their Roots and grow downward, they are subject to be overturned with every storme and tempest, they who speak of new notions, and yet keep not in the old path,

pathes, of great Revelations, and yet neglect
 the Duties of their Relations, and of being
 brought forth into marvellous light, and yet
 walk in darknesse, we see many of them go
 out in a snuff, their budding hopes being
 blasted; but the Lord hath in his free mercies
 (who doth nothing for our sakes) preserved Ezek. 35.
 this his Servant, so that she is in a thriving
 growing temper. She hath many fears; and
 by Gods withdrawings from her, I believe
 he doth advantage her (as others of his peo-
 ple experience) as much as by the communica-
 tions of himself to her. And (as instru-
 ments under God) I may impute this to the
 wisdom of her dear Parents, who have still
 put her upon it to take notice that high fa-
 vours call for high actions and much obedi-
 ence, they have not (as some have a vain spi-
 rit that way) gone about to puffe up her
 heart, as if because of the extraordinariness
 of Gods Dispensations towards her, she might
 expect higher discoveries and manifestations
 than the Word allows any to look for, or that
 she might doe wonders, because God hath
 made her a Wonder of Mercies. I fear such an
 itch of pride carries some out to irregular
 things. She hath her engagements lie before
 to keep her humble, that she may not be
 tied up in her self, and to quicken her to be

active for God. She very much desires that
 all who know of her condition would be
 earnest with the Lord (at such times as their
 hearts have most communion with him)
 on her behalf, that she may be kept in an humble
 frame, and may answer the great engagements
 which lie upon her. She is very sensible
 of her falling short of what God and man
 expects from her; and very much desires that
 her Receptions from God have exceeded
 be beyond of his ordinary Dispensations, so
 her disbursements for God, may hold some
 proportion therewith. Yet must I say (though
 she much fear her self, and complain much of
 her unprofitableness) God makes her very
 usefull to her Relations (as to others) the
 words which fall from her are spoken with
 that awfull reverence, and so feelingly, as
 adds a marvellous grace unto them, and they
 do much affect the hearts of the hearers. I
 shall give one instance; it pleased the
 Lord to exercise that Family in taking away
 their young Son Master Jonathan Hanfield
 (I think not twelve years old) he gave several
 testimonies of a gracious work upon his heart
 more than could have been expected at that
 years; amongst other Speeches of his
 was once Mother (said he) God is good,
 giving us good but what is enjoyed in God
 and

It is not to be sleighted, that God took him
 from them in the same month, day of the
 month, and about the same hour of the day
 that Mistris *Martha* his Sister (three years
 before) began first to speak; about the time of
 his departure, his tender Father (he being the
 Son of his old age) fell into a passion of grief
 (though he is one of an excellent spirit, an
 example of moderation and patience to all
 that see his behaviour under those great Try-
 als he hath met with) at that time this Child
 came to him, and having spoken some sea-
 sonable words to him, he presently said, *My*
Child, I blesse God for thee, thou hast comforted
my heart; what the words were, I could not
 have time to enquire of: the dear Mother also
 of this Child being very sick, and full of pain,
 that morning before the Interment of her
 Son, desired this Child to pray with her, and
 she prevailed with her to perform that Duty,
 and her Mother told me, she was much re-
 vived and refreshed with the gracious words
 which came from her, with that seriousness
 and affection, as farre exceeded her expecta-
 tions; and I take this to be a choice mercy to
 them that they should have this Child as a
 Cordial by them always to revive their droo-
 ping spirits, and indeed she is a singular help
 and comfort to them by her savoury speeches,
 and

and the thoughts of Gods dealings with her
 and that which proceeds from her in her dis-
 course, hath oft raised up their faith when it
 was ready to hang the wing : I remember one
 expression which shee uttered to my self,
 ushering it out with a sigh, viz. *If one stroke*
would do, God would not strike twice ; she spake
 it to me that day I came to the Funerall of her
 Brother ; shee meant it thus, If one stroke
 would teach us the Great Lesson of Submissi-
 on to Gods Will, he would not strike twice.
 Having lately taken away her dear Sister, Mrs.
Hannah Hatfield, and now her younger Bro-
 ther.

Good Reader, let God have all the praise,
 and this precious Child, and her Friends, an
 interest in thy Prayers, that since he casts forth
 a Plank or Cable, to keep them from sincking,
 they may walk worthy of these experiences of
 his love and faithfulness unto all well-pleasing
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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